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GOOD AFTERNOON.
MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE
CALL THE ROLL TO ASCERTAIN
PREEFNS QUORUM.
>> COUNCILOR BAKER.
>> HERE.
>> PATRICK CAMPBELL.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILOR FLYNN.
>> HERE.
>> MCCARTHY.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILOR WU.
>> PRESENTS.
>> #02: AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
>> HERE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK, I AM
INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT A
QUORUM IS PRESENT.
AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE ALL OF
MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL GUESTS TO
PLEASE RISE AS OUR LOVELY CLERK
COMES TO PROVIDE AN INVOCATION
AND AT THAT TIME I WOULD ASK
THAT ALL GUESTS IN, AND MY
COLLEAGUES REMAIN STANDING AS
SHE LEADS US IN THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.
THANK YOU.
>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
>> THE RINGING OF A BELL CALLS
US TO WORSHIP.
THE POUNDING OF THE DRUM CALLS
US TO WAR.
THE POPPING OF A CORK CALLS US
TO CELEBRATION.
WHAT IS THE SOUND THAT CALLS US
HERE?
TO HEAR ONE ANOTHER.
LISTEN.
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
IT IS HERE IN THE SILENCE,
LISTEN DEEPLY.

THE BEATING OF OUR OWN HEART
CALLS US TO OURSELVES, CALLS US
TO BE TRUE SELVES, CALLS US TO
BE OUR BEST SELVES.
CALLS US TO BE WHAT WE MIGHT
BECOME.
LISTEN.

THERE IS ANOTHER SOUND.
THE BREATH OF OUR NEIGHBORS
CALLS US OUTSIDE OURSELVES.
CALLS US TO BE COMPANIONS.
CALLS US TO BE ALLIES.
CALLS US TO BE PARTNERS.
LISTEN, WE MUST HEED THE CALL OF
OUR OWN HEARTS WHERE LOVE AND
TRUTH, CARING AND JUSTICE ARE
BORN.

LISTEN, WE MUST HEED THE CALL OF
OTHERS TO GATHER TOGETHER FOR
SOME GREAT PURPOSE, WHERE
PASSION AND FIDELITY, COMPASSION
AND EQUITY ARE NOURISHED.
THE HEALING SILENCE CALLS US
TOGETHER THAT WE MAY DO THE WORK
WE CANNOT DO ALONE.
LET US HEED THE CALL TO COME IN
SILENCE THAT WE MAY BE WELL AND
DO GOOD IN THIS WORLD TOGETHER.
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.
>> THANK YOU MARKS DAMN CLERK.
AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO
INVITE UP COUNCILOR PRESSLEY WHO
HAS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TODAY
FOR SONNY WALKER'S TAVERN IN
ROXBURY.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
>> ..
>> JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES.
YOU RELAX FOR NOW.
>> ALL RIGHT.
GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.
GOOD AFTERNOON.
>> AND I ALSO WANTED TO INVITE
COUNCILOR JAMIE TO JOIN ME WHILE
WE ARE HONOR LIVING HISTORY IN
OUR MIDST.
I HAD SOME REMARKS I WAS WORKING
ON BUT I THINK THE GLOBE DID A

PRETTY GOOD JOB OF TELLING THE STORY SO I AM GOING TO READ AN EXCERPT FROM THAT, IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN THE GLOBE SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

BUT TODAY WE ARE HONORING THE INSTITUTION THAT IS SONNY WALKER, I BELIEVE THAT IN EVERY WAY IT IS EMBLEMATIC OF THE POLICY-MAKING REFORMS YOU HAVE BEEN PARTNERING WITH ME ON TO REFORM THE STATE LIQUOR LICENSE LAWS AND I AM GOING TO TELL A LITTLE BIT OF THE STORY WHICH I THINK IS SO IMPORTANT THAT BEHIND OUR WORK THAT WE ARE LISTENING TO THE STORIES WHICH SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE DRIVING OUR EFFORTS.

ON APRIL 1ST, SONNY WALKERS AFFECTIONATE NATALIE KNOWN THAT IS BLACK SHEARS, A ROXBURY INSTITUTION THAT HAS BEEN A HAVEN FOR GENERATIONS OF BLACK BOSTONIANS TO SERVICE LAST DRINKS, FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADE IT IS HOLE IN THE WALL WAS HELD BY AUTHOR SONNY WALKER ONE OF THE FIRST BLACK TAVERN OWNERS IN BOSTON, NEWS OF ITS CLOSING RICOCHETED THROUGHOUT ROXBURY. A SEND-OFF EVENTS HAD BEEN PLANNED THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK, WHICH I WILL BE SHARING WITH YOU AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT. IN A CITY WITH FEW MINORITY OWNED BARS, SONNY WALKERS WAS ORIGINAL HE CALLED CNS TAVERN, KNOWN AS THE BLACK SHEARS, THE JERRY WALK WHORE GREW UP SHRINKING DRINKS ALONGSIDE HIS FATHER, IT IS A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE INDEED KNEW YOUR NAME OR NICKNAME FOR THAT MATTER AND YOUR DRINK WAS ALWAYS WAITING AT THE BAR. SQUARING AROUND WOMEN WAS DISCOURAGED, AND SONNY ALWAYS MADE SURE EVERYONE GOT HOME SAFE. GROUND ZERO FOR THE CITY'S CELEBRATIONS WAS WHERE YOU COULD SHOOT A ROUND OF POOL OR GRAB A FRUIT PUNCH AND WATCH THE GAME.

SONNY RETIRED FIVE YEARS AGO AND NOW JERRY AND HIS SISTER ANDREA WALKER ARE READY TO MOVE ON. ANDREA SAID THE DECISION TO CLOSE WAS BITTER SWEET, I WANT TO DO RIGHT BY MY DAD AND I HAVE DONE THAT, SHE SHADE BUT SHE AND HER BROTHER FACED A PROBLEM. THEY KNEW THE BAR'S FULL LIQUOR LICENSE COULD DRAW OVER \$400,000 ON THE OPEN MARKET AND BOSTON'S COMPETITIVE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY. BUT ANYONE ABLE TO PAY THAT AMOUNT WAS UNLIKELY TO WANT TO TAKE OVER THE LEASE FOR 1,000 1,000 SQUARE FOOT BAR IN ROXBURY, SO TO GET THE FULL AMOUNT OF THEIR INVESTMENT, SHE RISKED GUTTING THE COMMUNITY WHICH SHE SERVED. ULTIMATELY SHE AND JERRY SOLD THE LICENSE TO A CHAIN THAT PLANNED 0 OPEN A RESTAURANT ON BOYLSTON STREET IN THE BACK BAY. THEY TURNED IT OVER TO A BUDDING RESTAURATEUR WHO DOES NOT INITIALLY NEED A FULL LIQUOR LICENSE.

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST SAY THE WALKER SITUATION WAS INDICATIVE OF A LARGER PROBLEM IN A BROKEN LICENSING SYSTEM, AND AT THE END OF THE ERA THE BAR'S CLOSURE IS SEEN AS A MICROCOSM OF THE STATE OF BLACK BUSINESS OWNERSHIP IN BOSTON.

AS HE TELLS IT, SONNY'S TRANSITION FROM BARBER TO BAR MAN TOOK ALL OF FIVE MINUTES. THE CAREER WAS 1969 AND SONNY AND HIS PARTNER CHARLES CANADA RAN A BARBER SHOP IN GROVE HALL WHERE ONE OF THEIR REGULAR CUSTOMERS THE IRISH OWNER OF THE M & M TAVERN CAME IN.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS CHANGING AND FOLLOWING RECENT RIOTS HE WAS LOOKING TO SELL.

THE PARTNERS MULLED IT OVER FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE DECIDING TO GET IN THE GAME.

YOU SEE, HAIRSTYLE TRENDS PLAYED A FACTOR IN THIS DECISION.

MORE PLAQUE MEN WERE GROWING OUT AFROS, MEANING FEWER HAIRCUTS.

IT WAS BOOZE WAS A SURE BET.
WE WERE LIKE HERE WE GO, SAID
WALK WHORE STILL POSSESSES A
SHARP WIT AND WOULD CELEBRATE
HIS 93RD BIRTHDAY AT THE END OF
THE MONTH.

THAT LED THEM TO BECOME THE
FIRST BLACK TAVERN OWNERS
BOSTON.

IN 1980, HE AND CANADA BOUGHT A
SECOND BAR ON WARREN STREET
WHICH THEY RENAMED THE CNS
TAVERN, COMBINING THE INITIALS
OF THEIR FIRST NAMES.

IT WAS LATER RENAMED SONNY
WALKERS, BY 1985, THE DUO HAD
GONE IN WITH ANOTHER BLACK
BUSINESSMAN TO PURCHASE A CITY
BLOCK IN GROVE HALL THAT WAS
DUBBED QUOTE UNQUOTE THE WONDER
BLOCK.

DEPENDING WHO YOU TALKED TO
REFLECTED EITHER THE HEROIC
EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OR QUESTIONS ABOUT
WHETHER THEY COULD SUCCEED.

WELL, THERE ARE NO MORE
QUESTIONS.

ONLY LONGSTANDING EVIDENCE AND
PROOF OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE WHEN
SOMEONE HAS A DREAM, A LOVE FOR
COMMUNITY AND A COMMUNITY THAT
SUPPORTS THEM.

WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
DIAS SO WE CAN HONOR YOU?
FORCE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> NOW, WHILE MR. WALKER MAKES
HIS WAY UP HERE, I DO, JUST THIS
MORNING, WE -- JUST THIS
MORNING, THE WOMAN COUNCILORS
PARTICIPATED IN A PANEL AND EACH
ASKED TO HIGHLIGHT A GYM WITHIN
OUR DISTRICT, COUNCILOR JAMIE
PROUDLY REPRESENTS THE SEVENTH
DISTRICT AND WAS SPEAKING ABOUT
THE MINI GYMS IN HER DISTRICT
AND I KNOW SHE CERTAINLY
CONSIDERS SONNY WALKERS TO BE
ONE OF THEM SO I WANT TO INVITE
HER TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

>> SO, AGAIN, MANY THANKS AND
CONGRATULATIONS, I KNOW THIS IS
VERY BITTER SWEET AND I JUST

WANT NO SAY TO YOU, MR. WALKER,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISION, THANK
YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
COMMUNITY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT.

FIRST WITH THE BARBER SHOP AND
THEN WITH THE TAVERN, IT IS
REALLY IMPORTANT TO CELEBRATE
THOSE FIRST, AND HOPEFULLY IT
WILL NOT BE THE LAST THAT THIS
HAS AMAZED THE WAY.

I KNOW YOUR CHILDREN HAVE DONE A
FANTASTIC JOB EVERY TIME I
VISITED YOUR ESTABLISHMENT I
HAVE ALWAYS HAD A GREAT TIME.
YOU KNOW, MY COUSIN IS ALWAYS,
PAUL ROGERS IS ALWAYS THERE, AND
IT IS TRULY A PLACE WHERE YOU
FEEL AT HOME.

SO THANK YOU FOR CREATING THAT
SPECIAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY RIGHT
WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND AGAIN IT IS SUCH A GEM AND
WOULD LOVE TO WISH YOU A HAPPY
BIRTHDAY AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR
THIS SHOWING UP, AND HONORING
ME.

I -- THERE ARE TIMES IN MY LIFE
THAT I HAVE BEEN IN CITY HALL,
FIRST TIME IN ANY LIFE I HAVE
BEEN IN THIS CITY HALL, AND I AM
92 YEARS OLD NOW, BUT IT IS A
GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE AND TO
LET ME SPEAK AT CITY HALL.

AND I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THIS WAS
-- I DIDN'T KNOW ALL OF THIS
WOULD BE HAPPENING TODAY, BUT
OTHER THAN THAT I WANT TO THANK
EVERYBODY FOR MAKING THIS HONOR
TO BE HERE.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> SO WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US IN
THE MIDDLE FOR A PHOTO.

AND MS. HARRIS, WILL YOU JOIN
US?

>> WILL YOU JOIN US HERE FOR THE
PHOTO AS WELL?

>> I FORGOT TO SAY THE MOST
IMPORTANT THING.

IT IS SONNY WALKER DAY.

[APPLAUSE]

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>> WELL, WHILE FOLKS HEAD BACK
AND TAKE YOUR TIME I AM GOING TO
ASK THE STUDENTS FROM THE
UNIVERSITY TO COME DOWN AND,
JAMES, IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THEM.

>>

>> SO THIS IS THE NEXT
PRESENTATION THAT I HAVE THE
HONOR OF WELCOMING ALL OF THESE
INCREDIBLE STUDENTS FROM IRELAND
WHO ARE HERE FROM -- ALLSTATE
UNIVERSITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THEY ARE HERE FOR A NINE-DAY
CULTURAL EMERGENCE PROGRAM, AND
SO ANY TIME WE HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE
IN THE CHAMBER OR STUDENTS IN
THE CHAMBER, PARTICULARLY FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES WE WANT TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR PRESENCE AND
WELCOME THEM FORMALLY AND ALSO
GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
STUDENTS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY
ARE DOING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON,
BUT CAN WE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
APPLAUSE FOR COMING HERE TODAY?

>> THANK YOU.

IT IS LOVELY TO BE HERE.

AND THIS VERY WELCOMING COUNTRY.
BASICALLY WHAT WE ARE DOING IS
WE ARE MEETING EMPLOYERS FROM
DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES, FROM
ENGINEERING.

AND COMPUTER SCIENCE.

THERE ARE A FEW OTHER THINGS AS
WELL AND ALSO BEEN GOING TO
COLLEGES, SUCH AS BOSTON COLLEGE
AND SEEING HIGHER EDUCATION OVER
HERE IS QUITE DIFFERENT.

BACK AT HOME -- IT IS QUITE
DIFFERENT OVER HERE.

WE ALSO HAVE BEEN TO A FEW
ACTIVITIES AND IT IS BASICALLY
TO SEE HOW DIFFERENT LIFE IS
OVER HERE COMPARED TO BACK HOME
AND POSSIBLY JUST TO SEE WANT TO
COMES OVER TO AMERICA AND HOW
DIFFERENT IT WOULD BE.

IT IS LOVELY TO BE HERE AND

THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MY NAME IS ANN-MARIE BREN A FAMILIAR AND WORK AT THE IRISH IMCONGRATULATION CENTER, IRISH IMMIGRATION CENTER, THEY LIKE TO CALL US SOMETIMES AND WE ACTUALLY PARTNERED WITH THE UNIVERSITY FOR THIS PROJECT SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING US TO YOUR HOME AND YOUR WORKPLACE AND WE REALLY HAD A GREAT TIME.

THANK YOU TO JAMES AND ALL OF THE STAFF HERE AND ALSO I JUST WANT TO RECOGNIZE WHAT A WONDERFUL GROUP AND THEY GO BACK NEXT FRIDAY.

WE HAVE KEPT THEM GO, GO, GO, SO ANYTHING YOU THINK OF WE HAVE DONE AND STILL DOING.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW PROUD I AM OF THE GROUP AND HOW GREAT THEY ARE DOING AND HOW WE VALUE THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON AND ALSO ALLSTON UNIVERSITY.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> IF I CAN INVITE MY COLLEAGUES COME UP AND TAKE A GROUP PHOTO AND ALSO I WANT TO THANK JAMES FOR SPEARHEADING THIS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SO THANK YOU, JAMES.

>> SO EVERYONE COME UP AND WE WILL TAKE A QUICK PICTURE BEFORE THEY GO OFF TO THEIR NEXT ADD ADVENTURE.

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>> MOVING ON TO THE REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE DAY, WE WILL MOVE TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, NO CORRECTIONS, I SHOULD SAY, TO BE MADE, THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WILL STAND APPROVED.

SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION IT IS MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING STAND APPROVED.

MY CLERK COMMUNICATIONS FROM IS HONOR THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET 0479 -- CITY OF BOSTON, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT OF \$55,976.70 FOR THE FXY 2018

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM,
ORDERED BY THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
PASSED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF TRANSPORTATION AND SAFE TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT. THE GRANT WILL FUND
HIGH VISIBILITY TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
LAWS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
TO SPEEDING AND AGGRESSIVE
DRIVING, IMPAIRED DRIVING, AND
OCCUPANT PROTECTION.

>> COUNCILOR MCCARTHY HAS THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
PRESIDENT.

AT THIS TIME I ASK FOR
SUSPENSION AND PASSAGE OF 0479.
I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT SOME
OF OUR HIGHEST VOLUME CALLS
REGARDING VEHICLES SPEEDING AND
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING SO THE
QUICKER AGAIN ET THIS TO THE
BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THE
BETTER.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.
COUNCILOR MCCARTHY IS CHAIR OF
THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MOVES THE
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF -- DOCKET 0479, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE; THOSE
OPPOSED, NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 0479
HAS BEEN PASSED.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND
OTHERS.

DOCKET NUMBER 0480, NOTICES FROM
THE CITY CLERK IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE ORDINANCES
OF 1979 REGARDING ACTION TAKEN
BY THE -- ON AND ACTED UPON BY
THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING
OF MARCH 14, 2018.

>> DOCKET 0480, WILL BE PLACED
ON FILE.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD FOR
POSSIBLE ACTION.

DOCKET 0291, ORDER FOR HEARING
TO DISCUSS FLOODING IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON.

>> THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT,
JUST A QUICK REPORT ON WHAT
HAPPENED.

AND I WILL REQUEST THAT THE,
THIS STAY IN COMMITTEE FOR
FURTHER SESSION.

BUT I THINK MANY OF OUR
COLLEAGUES THAT WERE THERE, WE
HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE
DIRECTOR OF CLIMATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT AND RICH
MCGINNIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
WATERFRONT PLANNING AS WELL AS
CHRIS BUSH, SR. WATERFRONT
PLANNER.

INCLUDED WATER SHED RESILIENCE,
THE CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE
ENTERPRISE AND REGIONAL
COMPETITIVE AT UMASS BOSTON, THE
BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS AND
SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AS
WELL AS OUR GREAT ADVOCATE FROM
THE PO CONSERVATION LAW
FOUNDATION, HARVARD KEEPERS,
GREENER COMMISSION, BOSTON
HARBOR NOW AND OTHERS.

SO A LONG STORY SHORT THERE ARE
A WHOLE BUNCH OF ISSUES THAT
BOSTON HAS TO FOCUS ON FOR THE
SHORT-TERM AND THE LONG-TERM.
WE KNOW THAT OUR POSITION AS A
COASTAL CITY MAKES US VERY
VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND
THAT THIS COMBINATION OF SEA
LEVELS GOING ONE MORE INTENSE
STORMS WITH OUR RIVERS AND OUR
OLDER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MEANS
THAT MORE AND MORE HOMES,
BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS ARE
EXPERIENCING FLOODING EVERY TIME
THERE IS A BIG STORM.

MANY OF OUR DISTRICTS ARE
DIRECTLY AFFECTED AND THE ENTIRE
CITY WILL BE AFFECTED BEFORE TOO
LONG.

SO I THINK THE IMMEDIATE NEXT
STEPS ARE TO KEEP GOING ON THE
CONVERSATION ABOUT FINANCING.
THERE WILL BE A LUNCH OF SPECIAL

FINANCING REPORT ON APRIL 13, I BELIEVE, AT UMASS BOSTON, AND IN THIS COMMITTEE I WOULD LIKE US TO TAKE TWO SEPARATE TRACKS, ONE FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE.

I KNOW COUNCILOR FLYNN AND OTHERS WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOW ARE OUR EMERGENCY VEHICLES GOING TO GET THERE IF THE STREETS AND ROADS ARE ALL FLOODED, WHAT ARE THE EVACUATION PLANS IF PEOPLE'S BUILDINGS ARE UNDER WATER. AND THEN A SEPARATE TRACK ON WATER AND SEWER AND OUR STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE, MUCH OF THE FLOODING REPORTED, PARTICULARLY IN THE SEAPORT ACTUALLY WAS COMING FROM -- COMING UP FROM THE DRAINS RATHER THAN SORT OF WATER SPILLING OVER SO THERE ARE SOME INFRASTRUCTURE STRUCTURES WE NEED TO DIG INTO MORE DETAIL INTO.

THERE WILL BE MORE OF THESE SESSIONS AND.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> HI, I JUST WANTED TO RISE AND THANK COUNCILOR WU AND HER LEADERSHIP, I THOUGHT THE HEARING WAS ONE OF THE BEST I HAVE ATTENDED IN THE THREE MONTHS I HAVE BEEN HERE.

ON THE CITY COUNCIL, SO AND I ALSO REALLY ENJOYED THE FACT THAT THERE WAS SUCH ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW THE COMMUNITY IS NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE IMPACTED BUT HOW THEY CAN DRIVE THE ACTUAL RESILIENCY, DESIGN AND MAKING SURE THEY HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE.

YOU HAD MENTIONED TWO TRACKS AND I COULD AWE OCCUR A THIRD AS WELL OF THE DISCUSSION WE NEED TO HAVE ABOUT THE RESILIENCY PLANNING, CLIMATE 2030 ESPECIALLY AND HOW IN ONE VEIN THE CITY IS DISCUSSING HOW WE

NEED TO BE PREPARED BUT ON THE OTHER, WHICH WAS BROUGHT UP DURING THE HEARING HOW WE STILL NEED TO BE BUILDING STRUCK PICTURES WITH FOSSIL FUEL AT THE SAME TIME SO MAKING SURE THE CITY IS SPEAKING IN ONE VOICE ABOUT BEING PREPARED AND BEING A GREEN CITY, AND ALSO MAKING SURE WE GET TO THAT NET ZERO GOAL AS WELL, BUT JUST AGAIN ADDING TO THE BUCKET WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE CITY IS BEING ACCOUNTABLE BY ITS OWN PLANNING HEADED IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS. DOCKET 0291 WILL REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION. DOCKET NUMBER 0166, ORDINANCE INCREASING ACCESS TO VOTER RIDGE INVESTIGATION.

REGISTRATION ..

>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, WE HEARD A HEARING ON MARCH 26, MONDAY, THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE WAS TO MAKE VOTER REGISTRATION MORE ACCESSIBLE .. FOR ANYONE WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE BY DRAWING ON PART PARTNERSHIPS WITH DPS, BPE, BPL AND THE -- WE HEARD FROM OFFICIALS WHO HIGHLIGHTED THE WORK THEY ARE DOING IN THIS SPACE AS WELL AS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT SOME ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS THAT WERE PROPOSED BY THIS ORDINANCE, WE ALSO HEARD FROM VOTING RIGHTS ACT ADVISORY WHOSE ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE.

>> THE COMMITTEE HAD A PRODUCTIVE SESSION IN LOOKING FOR A LITTLE MORE TIME TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS IN.

SOME OF THE MINOR TWEAKS OUR COLLEAGUES, CITY COUNCILOR JANEY HIGHLIGHTED, MAYBE INJECTING SOME HELP FROM COMMUNITY CENTERS, THE COLLEAGUES FLYNN TALKED ABOUT VETERANS,

PARTICULARLY VETERANS OVERSEAS,
AND THEIR RIGHTS TO GAIN ACCESS
TO BALLOTS AND TO -- AND HAVE
THOSE BALLOTS COUNT.

SO HE OFFERED A REFERENCE WHEN
HE WAS SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN
THE NAVY OVERSEAS HE WOULD GET
THE BALLOT MONTHS AFTER THE
ELECTION AND AFTER THE VOTES
WERE TALLIED, SO BY ADOPTING
THESE SUGGESTIONS THROUGH THE
CHAIR, WE ARE GOING TO ASK THAT
THEY STAY IN COMMITTEE AT THIS
TIME LEAD TO THE DEFER
COUNCILOR, WHO HAS DONE SOME
GREAT WORK ON THIS ISSUE.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY.

>> COUNCILOR -- YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, I
WANT TO THANK CHAIRMAN FLAHERTY
AND MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUE WHOSE
ATTENDED THE HEARING AND IN
PARTICULAR COUNCILOR JANEY WHO
SUGGESTED INCLUDING OUR BCYF
CENTERS WHERE VOTER REGISTRATION
MATERIALS CAN BE PROVIDED,
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY GAVE AN
ACCURATE SUMMARY OF WHERE WE
ARE, I THINK WITH SOME MINOR
TWEAKS TO CLARIFY A FEW
PROVISIONS AND TO ADD BCYF
CENTERS TO THIS LEGISLATION I
THINK WE WILL BE PROBABLY READY
TO GO FORWARD IN THE NEW DRAFT
FAIRLY SOON AND I ALSO JUST WANT
TO THANK MAYOR WALSH AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION FOR COMING HERE
AND ALL BEING SUPPORTIVE AND
TALKING ABOUT WAYS THAT THEY ARE
READY TO ENACT THIS LEGISLATION
ONCE THIS BODY PASSES IT, SO I
LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE
WORK AND GETTING THIS ON THE
BOOKS IN THE COMING WEEKS.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
DOCKET 0166 WILL REMAIN IN THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS.

DOCKET NUMBER0444, ORDER
APPROVING A \$9,486,511 FOR THE

PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH BOILER AND ROOF
REPAIRS AT THE FOLLOWING
SCHOOLS.

EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL, SUMNER
SCHOOL, O'DONNELL SCHOOL K
THROUGH 5 -- SCHOOLS K-THROUGH
AND TOBIN SCHOOL K THROUGH 8,
THIS INCLUDES PAYING OF ALL
COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED
THERE TO AND FOR WHICH THE CITY
OF BOSTON MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A
GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY, KNOWN
AS THE MSBA.

TO BE EXTENDED UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF THE PUBLIC
FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF
OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
THE COMMITTEE HELD ITS HEARING
YESTERDAY.

WE HAD TESTIMONY FROM BRIAN
MCLAUGHLIN, THE CHIEF OF STAFF
FROM THE PUBLIC FACILITIES
DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS JON HAMM
LYNN, THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
FROM BPS.

THESE PROJECTS ARE A PART OF THE
MSBA ACCELERATED REPAIR PROGRAM.
MANY OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN HERE
FOR A WHILE KNOW THAT WE HAVE
BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THIS
PROGRAM FOR MANY YEARS AND WE
GET REIMBURSED AT A RATE OF
65-POINT -- A LITTLE UNDER
65.5 PERCENT FROM THE STATE FOR
ALL OF THESE PROJECTS AND THE
CLERK READ OUT EAST BOSTON,
O'DONNELL, THE RUSSELL IS A
ROOF, THE REST ARE BOILERS.
SUMNER AND TOBIN.

THESE REPAIRS, YOU KNOW,
MATERIALLY EXTEND THE USEFUL
LIFE OF OUR SCHOOLS AND PRESERVE
OUR ASSETS.

SO I RECOMMEND PASSAGE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR
CIOMMO IS THE CHAIRMAN ON WAYS
AND MEANS RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF

DOCKET 0444, AT THIS TIME, MADAM
CLERK IF YOU COULD CALL THE
ROLL.

>> COUNCILOR BAKER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILOR BAKER, YES.
>> COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.
>> YES, COUNCILOR CAMPBELL, YES.
>> COUNCILOR CIOMMO YES.
>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
>> COUNCILOR EDWARDS YES.
>> COUNCILOR GEORGE.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILOR FLYNN.
>> COUNCILOR FLYNN, YES.
>> COUNCILOR JAMIE.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILOR JAMIE, YES.
>> COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.
>> COUNCILOR MCCARTHY YES.
>> O'MALLEY.
>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY, YES.
>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.
>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YES.
>> COUNCILOR WU.
>> COUNCILOR WU, YES.
>> AND COUNCILOR ZAKIM.
>> COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YES.
>> MADAM PRESIDENT, DOCKET 0444
HAS RECEIVED UNANIMOUS VOTE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
DOCKET 0444 HAS BEEN PASSED.
MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS AND
RESOLUTIONS.
DOCKET NUMBER 0481, COUNCILORS
GEORGE.
>> OFFERS HELD BUILT 616,
REGARDING SAVINGS PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY.
>> THE THANK YOU MADAM
PRESIDENT.
TODAY, I FIRST WANT TO RECOGNIZE
WE HAVE IN THE CHAMBER WITH US
MEMBERS OF THE MASS SENIOR
ACTION 0 COUNCIL.
>>
>>
>> AND WE HAVE MET A NUMBER OF
TIMES OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS,
THE LAST MONTH AND A HALF OR SO
AND THEY HAVE BEEN, THEY STRONG
ARMED ME INTO PRESENTING THIS

RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU.

IT WAS VERY EASY, VERY EASY
FIGHT.

I AM HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO
RUN MY REPORT AND ASKING YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT.

ON MASS HOUSE BILL 615, WHICH IS
THE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM AND
ITS ELIGIBILITY.

IT PASSED.

THIS WILL INCREASE THE INCOME
FEDERAL POVERTY LINE TO ALLOW
MORE SENIORS TO ACCESS MEDICARE
ASSISTANCE.

IT IS RIDICULOUS THAT
MASSACHUSETTS OFFERS ASSISTANCE
WITH HEALTHCARE COSTS BUT
INDIVIDUAL WHOSE ARE BETWEEN THE
AGES OF 19 TO 64 WITH INCOMES UP
TO 300 PERCENT OF THE POVERTY
LINE YET OUR SENIORS AGE 65 AND
UP MUST HAVE AN INCOME BELOW
135 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL
POVERTY LINE TO ACCESS STINL
ASSISTANCE.

THIS BILL WILL INCREASE THE
INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR THE
MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM IN
MASSACHUSETTS FROM 135 PERCENT
FEDERAL POVERTY LINE TO
300 PERCENT FEDERAL POVERTY LINE
WHICH WILL ALLOW MORE OF OUR
SENIORS TO HAVE ACCESS TO BETTER
QUALITY HEALTHCARE.

I ASK THAT ALL OF YOU CONSIDER
JOINING ME TODAY IN SUPPORTING
THIS RESOLUTION AND THIS WORK
THAT IS HAPPENING AT THE
STATEHOUSE, BUT MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SENIORS WHO
ARE ADVOCATING NOT JUST FOR
OTHERS BUT ADVOCATING FOR
THEMSELVES AND IN A REALLY
CRITICAL WAY, BECOMING MORE
CIVILCALLY ENGAGED AND BECOMING
A PART OF THIS PROCESS .. A AND
LEARNING HOW AND ADVOCATING FOR
EACH OTHER IN THIS WORK.

AND WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT
IS TO ADVOCATE FOR EACH OTHER.
THEY HAVE REALLY TAKEN THE LEAD
IN DOING THIS WORK EVERY SINGLE
DAY ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND

THEIR PIERS AND COMMUNITIES AT
LARGE AND TAKING THIS FIGHT
[PEER] FROM CITY HALL TO THE
STATEHOUSE AND AT THE FEDERAL
LEVEL.

SO I WANT TO -- I HOPE TO HAVE
YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS TODAY BUT
REALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEIR
WORK AND THEIR ADVOCATE SITUATE
IN THIS SPACE FOR ALL OF THE
SENIORS OF BOSTON AND OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU, I
APPRECIATE YOU FOR BEING HERE
AND LEADING THE WAY FOR ALL OF
US, LEADING US --

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT,
AND THANK YOU ALL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT
AND I JUST RISE TO ASK TO HAVE
MY NAME ADDED.

AND AS I HAVE OFTEN SAID, WHAT I
LOVE ABOUT ACTIVISM AND CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT THERE IS NEITHER AN
ELIGIBILITY AGE OR A SHELF LIFE,
AND THAT SENIOR ACTION CERTAINLY
PROVES THAT EVERY DAY.

SO WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MOBILIZING, FOUR YOUR ADVOCACY,
FOR YOUR EDUCATING US ABOUT YOUR
ISSUES, AND THIS IS INCREDIBLY
IMPORTANT IN THAT THE BABY
BOOMER GENERATION IS AGING AND I
WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT -- THANKS
TO SCIENCE, YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALL
LIVING LONGER LIVES, WE WANT TO
MAKE SURE YOU ARE AGING IN
COMMUNITY AND ONE OF THE WAYS WE
ENSURE THAT HAPPENS IS YOU ARE
IN GOOD HEALTH.

SO THAT YOU CAN AGE IN DIGNITY
AND GRACEFULLY AND REMAIN
CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY, AND
CONTINUE TO BE CIVICALLY ENGAGED
SO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ACCESS TO
AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE IS
CRITICAL TO YOU STAYING ENGAGED
AND WE CERTAINLY DO NEED YOU, SO
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY
AND AGAIN I THANK COUNCILOR

ESSAIBI GEORGE FOR HER
LEADERSHIP AND I WANT MY NAME
ADDED IN VOTING IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE.

>> THANK YOU.

MADAM CLERK IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY'S NAME,
COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR
CIOMMO, COUNCILOR EDWARDS,
COUNCILOR FLIP FLYNN, COUNCILOR
JANEY, MCCARTHY, O'MALLEY, WU,
COUNCILOR ZAKIM AND THE CHAIR
AND COUNCILOR FLAHERTY YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> I JUST WANT TO ADD MY NAME.

>> IF YOU COULD ALSO ADD
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY'S NAME.

>> AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE, MOVES FOR
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
ADOPTION OF DOCKET NUMBER 0481,
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE;
THOSE OPPOSED, NO.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 0481 HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK SENIOR
ACTION FOR BEING HERE FOR THE
ADVOCACY AND ONE OF MY DEAR
RESIDENTS, MS. EDWARD -- IS
TAKEN ON A LEADERSHIP ROLE SO
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD
READ DOCKET 0842.

>> DOCKET '08 42, COUNCILOR
FLYNN OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ORDER
FOR HEARING REGARDING THE ISSUES
RELATED TO STRAY VOLTAGE IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILOR, YOU HAVE THE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES AND
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HERE TODAY
MAY HAVE SEEN RECENT REPORTS
REGARDING STRAY VOLTAGE SHOCKING
DOGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON,
CERTAINLY THIS YEAR A TRAGIC
INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN A DOG WAS
ELECTROCUTED ON SOUTH HAMPTON
STREET DUE TO STRAY VOLTAGE
UNDERNEATH THE GROUND AND PASSED
AWAY AS A RESULT.

I HAVE SINCE MET WITH THE DOG

OWNER AND TALKED ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

AT THAT TIME, IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THERE WERE SEVERAL INCIDENTS SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THIS TRAGIC EVENT THAT OCCURRED OVER A DECADE AGO IN BOSTON.

TWO ELECTROCUTED DOGS IN CHINA TOWN IN 2005, AND A DOG IN CHARLESTOWN IN 2006.

MORE RECENTLY, OTHER DOGS HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY VOLTAGE IN THE CITY.

THERE ARE TWO DOGS SHOCKED THIS LAST CHRISTMAS AT A MANHOLE NEAR THE ADAM STREET BRIDGE.

FORTUNATELY THEY SURVIVED.

JUST THIS PAST FRIDAY A FRIEND OF MINE WAS WALKING OUT ON CASTLE ISLAND AND FELT, IN SOUTH BOSTON WHEN HIS DOG WAS SHOCKED AT A PULLED NEAR A LIGHT POLE BY THE WATER.

I WAS WITH REPRESENTATIVE NICK COLLINS AT THE TIME, WE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE, WE ALSO TALKED TO THE OWNER ABOUT THIS TRAUMATIC EVENT.

AND IN ADDITION WE SPOKE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT AND STEPS THAT THEY WERE TAKING TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY.

BEING OUT THERE THAT DAY I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK OF THE RECENT FLOODING THAT HAS ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN JANUARY, IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, THAT COUNCILOR WU ALSO MENTIONED AND TALKED ABOUT.

I REMEMBER SEEING THE VIDEOS OF A SUGAR BOWL OUT THERE BEING FLOODED AND UNDERWATER LIKE I HAVE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE.

IT MADE ME WONDER WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ANY SYSTEM OR PROTOCOLS IN PLACE TO CHECK ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE VICINITY OF THIS FLOODING.

MY PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CITY OF BOSTON CONTAINS OLDER ELECTRICAL

CABINETS AND DURING THE WINTER MONTHS THE GROUND IN THE PROXIMITY OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE CAN BECOME SATURATED AND MIX WITH SALTS USED TO HELP CLEAR THE CITY'S ROADS AND SIDEWALKS. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THIS COMBINATION OF SATURATED GROUND AND SALT CAN CORRODE WIRING AND GROUNDING LUGS TO PRESENT CONDITIONS WHERE TRAGIC EVENTS LIKE THIS CAN OCCUR.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS HEARING WILL ALLOW US TO SPEAK MORE IN DEPTH WITH THE RELEVANT CITY OF BOSTON DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION, PERHAPS OUR PARTNERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT NDCR, THE UTILITY COMPANIES ABOUT THE CAUSES OF THESE INCIDENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVOLVED. AND WHETHER A STUDY OF OLDER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY IS FEASIBLE.

MAYBE EVEN INCLUDING A TSA ANNOUNCEMENT AS WELL.

WE MAY ALSO WANT TO BRAINSTORM ABOUT WHAT SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM STEPS THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO HELP REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF EVENTS LIKE THIS FROM OCCURRING IN THE FUTURE.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, I AM CALLING FOR A HEARING ON THIS MATTER AS DOGS AND PETS ARE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY TOO. EVEN WITH THOSE THAT LOST THESE OTHER PETS OR NEARLY LOST THEM, I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH.

MY KIDS, MY WIFE AND I WOULD BE DEVASTATED IF THAT HAPPENED TO US.

AS WE ALL WOULD.

AS WE ENFORCE MY BELIEF THAT WE MUST BRING THE EXPERTS AND STEAK HOLDERS TO THE TABLE AND DISCUSS THIS -- DISCUSS THIS ISSUE OF STRAY VOLTAGE IN THE CITY IN MORE DEPTH.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER.

THANK YOU MARKS DAMN PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
COUNCILOR FLYNN.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
THE NAMES OF COUNCILOR BAKER,
COUNCILOR CIOMMO, COUNCILOR
EDWARDS, COUNCILOR ESFANDIARI,
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY, JANEY,
COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY, COUNCILOR WU,
COUNCILOR ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE
CHAIR, COUNCIL O'MALLEY YOU HAVE
THE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU I RISE TO RECOMMEND
THE MAKER, OUR GOOD CLEGG FROM
DISTRICT 2, ASK MY NAME THE BE
ADDED. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
ISSUE AND I THINK IT IS NOT
DISSIMILAR TO WORK THAT THIS
BODY HAS DONE ON GAS LEAKS IN
SOME OTHER WAYS THAT, YOU KNOW,
WE ENCOURAGE A BETTER
RELATIONSHIP WITH MANY OF THE
UTILITY COMPANIES BECAUSE IT IS
REALLY INCUMBENT ON THEM TO MAKE
SURE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS
SAFE.

THIS CAN BE AVOIDED.

IT WILL COST SOMETHING.

BUT THE PROPER, WITH PROPER
INSULATION WE CAN AVOID IT AM
UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS NOT A
FREQUENT OCCURRENCE BUT NOT A --
AN OCCURRENCE THAT OCCURS
SEVERAL MONTHS OR ONCE EVERY
SEVERAL MONTHS OR ONCE EVERY
SEVERAL YEARS AND IT CAN BE
DEVASTATING.

SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO A HEARING
AND MAKE SURING UTILITY COMPANY
IS INVOLVED AND REALLY LIVE UP
TO THEIR END OF THE BARGAIN TO
MAKE THE STREETS SAFER FOR ALL
BOSTONIANS, EVEN THE FOUR LEGGED
ONES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
O'MALLEY.

>> MADAM CLERK IF YOU CAN ADD
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY'S NAME AND
QUICKLY ASK, THANK YOU COUNCILOR
FLYNN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.
MY DOG ACTUALLY GOES TO THE SAME
PLACE THAT THAT WOMAN'S DOG WENT

TO, WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY A VOLT OF ELECTRICITY AND DIED SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS.

DOCKET0482 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE HONESTY NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER0483, COUNCILOR EDWARDS AND/÷

REGULATIONS AROUND HOME SHARE AND SHORTS TERM RENTAL PLATFORMS I WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH THE BPDA, WITH DEVELOPERS, THAT THEY ARE NOT SETTING ASIDE UNITS OR, YOU KNOW, ANTICIPATING OR ENSURING THEIR INVESTORS THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY ARE GOING TO INCLUDE SHORT-TERM RENTALS BEFORE WE ACTUALLY COME UP WITH SOME REGULATIONS AROUND THAT.

AND, YOU KNOW, SO WE CONTINUE TO CRAFT THESE POLICIES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE BPDA WILL JUDGE THE PROJECTS THAT ATTEMPT TO SET ASIDE THESE UNITS TO USE ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT.

THOSE UNITS ARE SET ASIDE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND ARE THEY COUNTED AGAINST THE 50 FLEE THOUSAND UNITS THAT, YOU KNOW, 2030 IS SETTING AS A GOAL. SO I HAVE MANY QUESTIONS FOR THE BPDA, DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS, COUNSELOR EDWARDS.

THANK YOU.

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>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO. COUNCILOR EDWARDS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

I WANT TO THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO FOR YOU REACHING OUT AND I THINK REALLY DEMONSTRATING THAT IN THE BACK AND FORTH ON THE SHORT-TERM TERMS, ARE THERE ANY ISSUES.

IT IS REALLY THE ABILITY TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND COMMON QUESTIONS TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE FOR, DRIVE FOR POLICIES THAT WE CAN CERTAINLY BOTH AGREE ON.

AND I THINK THAT -- I THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY AND I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS.

I THINK, NOT TO ECHO EVERYTHING THAT COUNCILOR CIOMMO JUST SAID BUT THERE ARE OTHER PERSPECTIVES AS WELL I AM CURIOUS ABOUT ON THE BPDA'S ROLE NOT ONLY ON PERFORMING LARGE PROJECTS AND A LOT OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS BUT WHEN THEY FIND OUT THAT SHORT-TERM RENTALS ARE NOW OCCUPYING THE UNITS THEY THOUGHT WERE GOING TO BE OCCUPIED BY RESIDENTS, WHAT IF ANYTHING OR ANY POWER DOES THE BPDA HAVE TO HOLD THOSE DEVELOPERS ACCOUNTABLE IF NOT FOR THAT PROJECT FOR PROJECTS THAT COME DOWN THE LINE.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN WE GET TO THE AGGRESS STIFF GOALS OF 503,000 UNITS NEVER USED FOR INTENDED GOALS WHICH IS TO HOUSE BOSTONIANS.

WE DO NOT NECESSARILY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS ARE MAKING EVEN MORE MONEY ON OUR WATERFRONTS TO THE EXCLUSION OF A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS.

I SPECIFICALLY ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THEY ARE MAKING THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING, THEN WHY AREN'T WE REEXAMINING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO LINKAGE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THEY ARE NOW USING THIS AS A COMMERCIAL SPACE INSTEAD OF RESIDENT JULY, SHOULDN'T WE CONSIDER REEXAMINING SOME OF THAT FUNDING AND GETTING IT BACK TO HELP PAY FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS ELSE WHERE. AND ALSO BE LOOKING AT THE PERCENT TIME OF, PERCENTILE OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL THERE IS, THE INCREASE FROM 13 PERCENT TO MAYBE 20 PERCENT AND THESE ARE QUESTIONS WE HAVE AND REALLY APPRECIATE AGAIN BEING ABLE TO WORK WITH YOU ABOUT HAVING, YES, STILL QUESTIONS ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ISSUE, AND

INVESTORS VERSUS NOT HAVING INVESTORS AT THE GRAND SCHEME, BUT ALSO WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO THE PLANNING COMPONENT BEING ABLE TO PARTNER WITH YOU TO HOST THIS HEARING AND TO HAVE THIS ROBUST DISCUSSION.

SO I AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT CONTINUING THE ONGOING CONVERSATION BUT ALSO BEING ABLE TO NOW GOING FORWARD ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR EDWARDS. COUNCILOR ZAKIM, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, NAAH DAMN PRESIDENT.

I RISE TO ASK MY NAME BE ADDED AND APPLAUD THE COSPONSORS. JUST THIS LAST YEAR I THINK I FILED ESSENTIALLY AN IDENTICAL HEARING ORDER WHEN I CHAIRED THE HOUSING COMMITTEE, WHICH COUNCILOR EDWARDS IS SO ABLY CHAIRING, THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PLANNING PROCESS, EVEN SEPARATE FROM THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST MONTH OVER SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATION IN GENERAL IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, BUT THE FACT THAT WE ASK OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AND OBVIOUSLY ALL OF US TO PARTICIPATE IN WHETHER IT IS AN AIG OR WHATEVER ACRONYM, IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMMUNITY REVIEW PROCESS OF THESE PROJECTS, WE REVIEW PROCESS FOR THESE PROJECTS, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

LIKE IF WE WANT TO TALK WHETHER IT'S A RENTAL OR CONDO, FAMILY SIZE UNITS, THREE BEDROOMS OR STUDIOS.

LIKE WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE MIX OF AFFORDABLE VERSUS MARKET RATE.

THE EXISTENCE OF A SHORT TERM RENTAL NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED AND AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WHETHER THE BRA CHOOSES TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE A PROJECT.

WE OWE IT TO OUR RESIDENTS AND
COMMUNITIES TO DO THAT.
PLEASE ADD MY NAME.
LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING AND
APPLAUD THE TWO OFFICES.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM'S NAME,
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE,
FLAHERTY, COUNCILLOR FLYNN,
COUNCILLOR JANEY, COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY, O'MALLEY, COUNCILLOR
PRESSLEY WU AS WELL AS THE
CHAIR.

DOCKET NUMBER 048 REPLACED IN
THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0484.
COUNCILLOR WU OFFERS THE
RESOLUTION OF URGING INCREASED
FOR YOUTH JOBS ON STATE BUDGET
LINE ITEM 7002-0012.

>> COUNCILLOR WU, YOU HAVE THE
FLORIDA.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
WE ALL DO OUR PART TO MAKE SURE
THE CITY, THE STATE AND ALL OF
OUR PARTNERS ARE INVESTING IN
YOUTH.

IT'S TRULY THE BEST INVESTMENT
THAT WE CAN BE MAKING AS A CITY,
OPEN UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE
AS LEADERS AND GET THE SKILLS
THEY NEED FROM SUMMER JOB,
YEAR-ROUND JOB TO PARTICIPATE.
IN BOSTON THE MAYOR AT EVERY
EVENT IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY
IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MORE FOLKS
TO STEP UP AND PARTICIPATE.
THE CITY IS EXPANDING OUR SUMMER
PROGRAM.

WE NEED THE STATE TO STEP UP AND
WE NEED THE FUNDS THE LINE ITEM
PROVIDES.

SINCE THEN, THE MINIMUM WAGE HAS
GOEN -- GONE UP.

WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE
ON A REGULAR BASIS.

LEVEL-FUNDING THIS IS NOT
SUFFICIENT FOR -- TO MEADE THE
DEMAND OUT THERE.

YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE SMART,

READY TO GET INVOLVED BUT NEED THE DOOR OPEN AND THE FIRST JOB TO PICK UP SOME SKILLS, PROVE THEMSELVES AND MOVE ON TO OPPORTUNITY AFTER OPPORTUNITY. I WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT TO JAMES MACKEY WHO IS HERE WITH US FOR THE I HAVE A FUTURE COALITION.

HE AND HIS PARTNER'S PUT TOGETHER AN INCREDIBLE RALLY LAST MONTH.

THE I HAVE A FUTURE RALLY BROUGHT TOGETHER YOUTH FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO SAY THIS IS OUR FUTURE AND THESE ARE THE LEADERS OF TODAY.

I WANT TO ASK THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, WE'RE ALWAYS IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

LET'S FORMALLY PUT UP WAYS URGING THE STATE TO STEP UP AND WE'LL MATCH WITH OUR ADVOCACY AT THE CITY LEVEL WHEN OUR BUDGET SEASON HITS AS WELL.

THANKS VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY.

>> I COMMEND THE MAKER AND WISH TO HAVE MY NAME ADDED.

ON THE HEELS OF THE MARCH FOR OUR LIVES RALLIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, CERTAINLY HERE IN BOSTON AS WELL, WHILE WE'RE ALL CELEBRATING YOUTH ACTIVISM AND YOUTH VOICE, WE SHOULD BE AFFIRMING AND INVESTING IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

THIS IS NOT ONLY ABOUT PROFESSIONAL AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT.

WE KNOW 50% OF PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, THEIR ANNUAL INCOME IS LESS THAN \$37,000 A YEAR.

THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE FUTURE OF OUR ECONOMY, ALTHOUGH THAT IS IMPORTANT, IT'S ALSO ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF FAMILIES STRUGGLING.

A YOUTH THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR HOUSEHOLD

INCOME.

ALSO A GROWING NUMBER OF PARENTS
RAISING GRANDCHILDREN ON FIXED
INCOMES.

THE GRANDCHILDREN NEED TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE HOUSEHOLDS.
I WISH THIS WERE A DIFFERENT
WORLD AND OUR YOUTH COULD FOCUS
ON EDUCATION AND NOTHING ELSE.
THAT'S NOT THE REALITY OF THE
WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN.

NOT ONLY DO THEY NEED THE
INCOME, WE NEED TO INVEST IN
THEIR PROFESSIONAL WORK
INVESTORS DEVELOPMENT.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN
THIS AND A STAKE AND WE NEED TO
HOLD ONE ANOTHER COLLECTIVELY
ACCOUNTABLE.

SO I THINK COUNCILLOR WU FOR
PUTTING THIS FORWARD AND THE
YOUTH YOU UPLIFT EVERY DAY SO
YOU DON'T FORGET THEIR STORIES
AND STRUGGLE.

I WISH TO HAVE MY NAME ADDED.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
PRESSLEY.

IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR
PRESSLEY, COUNCILLOR BAKER,
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILLOR
FLYNN, JANEY, O'MALLEY, ZAKIM AS
WELL AS THE CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR McCARTHY, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANKS VERY MUCH.

I'D LIKE TO HAVE MY NAME ADDED.
THIS IS SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR
TO MY HEART.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR WU.
I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR SUMMER
JOBS PROGRAMMING AND MONEY SINCE
1996.

SO THEN COUNCILLOR FENEY USED TO
CALL ME.

BACK THEN, WE HAVE THE BOSTON
MIRACLE.

IT WASN'T A MIRACLE.

PRESIDENT CLINTON UNLEASHED
UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF FUNDS
FROM THE FEDS AND THROUGH PUBLIC
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL, THE
BOSTON YOUTH FUND AND JUSTICE
FOR JOBS, WE WERE HIRING OVER

11,000 KIDS IN A SUMMER.
THE REASON WHY WE HAD THE BOSTON
MIRACLE, IT WASN'T A MIRACLE.
WE WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE
THE KIDS HAD MEANINGFUL JOBS.
THE SOFT SKILLS, SHOWING UP ON
TIME, LEAVING ON TIME.
SIGNING IN, SIGNING OUT.
EVERYTHING WE TAKE FOR GRANTED.
THAT GENERATION FOUR YEARS AGO
WHEN I KNOCKED DOORS FOR THE
FIRST TIME, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW
MANY PEOPLE SAID I WAS AT HEALEY
FIELD AND YOU FIRED ME.
I ALWAYS SAID DID YOU DESERVE
IT?
MOST OF THE TIME THEY SAY YEAH.
BUT NOW THEY KNOW BETTER.
IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE THAT I
HAD.
A LOT OF THE KIDS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON, A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL
TELL YOU THAT MOST PEOPLE FROM
THE AGE OF PROBABLY 35 TO 45
WILL RED SHORT TO SOME POINT IN
TIME.
I'D LOVE TO SEE IT COME BACK.
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY AND I KICKED
IT AROUND.
I'D LOVE TO KICK IT AROUND THIS
YEAR.
I KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE
RED SHIRTS.
I TOLD COUNCILLOR FLYNN, I FOUND
MY SUPERVISOR RED SHIRT FROM
1988, 89 THAT SAID "RAYMOND L.
FLYNN MAYOR."
SO THAT'S WHEN THE TIME WHEN A
LOT OF KIDS WERE WORKING THAT
GENERATION IS BETTER OFF BECAUSE
OF THAT PROGRAM AND I'D LOVE TO
SEE THIS.
I'M ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUMMER
JOBS.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY.
THIS BODY WORKED HARD IN THE
LAST BUDGET CYCLE TO ESTABLISH A
FUND DEDICATED TO RESOURCES IN
THE BUDGET TO ACTUALLY FUND
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
THE CITY IS STEPPING UP.
WE NEED OUR STATE PARTNERS TO DO

THE SAME.
WE CAN NEVER HAVE ALL THE
RESOURCES ON OUR OWN.
WE NEED THE STATE PARTNERSHIP.
THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP,
COUNCILLOR WU AND AT THIS TIME
COUNCILLOR WU MOVES FOR
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.
ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO CALL
ON COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.
WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?
>> I RISE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.
>> GO AHEAD.
>> I RISE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF
MY FRIEND, MY COLLEAGUE, MY NOW
CONSTITUENT, WHICH IS A BIT
WEIRD TO ME, TO BE REAPPROVED AS
THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.
WE ALL WORK WELL WITH ALEX,
RESPECTFUL AND DILIGENT.
MAUREEN WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HIM
BACK.
I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR AND LOVE
EVERYBODY TO JUMP ON BOARD.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY.
THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY
FOR THE SECOND.
WE WILL DO A ROLL CALL VOTE FOR
APPROVAL OF THE ASSISTANT CLERK
FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD CALL
THE ROLL.
>> COUNCILLOR BAKER?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR CIOMMO?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR JANEY?
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY.
>> IN SUPPORT.
>> OBVIOUS.
COUNCILLOR WU.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
>> MADAM PRESIDENT, THE
ASSISTANT CLERK IS BACK.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX, WE LOOK
FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU.
THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR CLERGY
AND JACK OF ALL TRADES.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
ALEX WILL SERVE FOR THREE MORE
YEARS AS THE ASSISTANT CLERK.
AT THIS TIME I AM INFORMED BY
THE CLERK THAT I HAVE TWO
LATE-FILED MATTERS WHICH IN THE
ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE
ADDED TO THE AGENDA.
SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION,
TWO LATE-FILED MATTERS ADDED TO
THE AGENDA.
MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ
THE FIRST.
>> THE CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL FOR COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.
ORDERED THAT COUNCILLOR EDWARDS
MOVES FOR SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES AND PASSAGE OF THE FIRST
LATE-FILED MATTER.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
ANY OPPOSED SAY NEY.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
THE FIRST LATE-FILED MATTER HAS
BEEN PASSED.
>> OFFERED BY COUNCILLOR JOSH
ZAKIM, RESOLUTION OPPOSING
QUESTIONS REGARDING CITIZENSHIP
STATUS FOR THE 2020 CENSUS.
WHEREAS ARTICLE 1 SECTION 2 OF
THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
MANDATES A CENSUS IN ORDER TO
COUNT ALL PERSONS WITHIN SEVERAL
STATES.
THE CENSUS IS THE AUTHORITATIVE
COULDN'T OF RESIDENTS USED BY
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND AS

WELL AS STATE AND LOCAL
JURISDICTIONS.

WHEREAS THIS DECISION BY THE
TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS ONLY THE
LATEST ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE AND
EXCLUDE IMMIGRANTS FROM
PARTICIPATING IN OUR DEMOCRACY
AND WILL SEVERELY IMPACT THE
REPRESENTATION OF OUR
COMMUNITIES, HAVE IN GOVERNMENT
AT ALL LEVELS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
DOES CALL ON THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS AND OUR MASSACHUSETTS
FEDERAL DELEGATION TO REJECT
THIS PROPOSED CHANGE AND TO
OPPOSE ANY FURTHER ATTEMPT BY
PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION SO MARGINALIZE
IMMIGRANTS AND EXCLUDE THEM FROM
BEING FULLY COUNTED IN THE 2020
CENSUS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
LET ME FIRST APOLOGIZE FOR THE
LATE FILE.

THIS NEWS ONLY BROKE YESTERDAY
AFTER A FILING DEADLINE.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS BODY
TAKE ACTION SWIFTLY.

SO I WILL BE ASKING FOR A
SUSPENSION AND ADOPTION.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AS WE'VE
SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THIS
BODY HAS ACTED UNANIMOUSLY TO
PROTECT AND DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF
EVERYONE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION
STATUS, BACKGROUND, WHERE
THEY'RE FROM, RESIDENTS AND
VISITORS ALIKE.

THIS IS IMPORTANT ON THAT LEVEL,
BUT ALSO IMPORTANT ON A LEVEL AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THE CENSUS
NUMBERS DICTATE THE NEXT DECADE
THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL
RESOURCES, WHETHER WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR
REPRESENTATION AS WELL AS IN OUR
STATE LEGISLATURE AND OUR CITY
COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

THIS IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.
THE FACT THAT THIS PRESIDENT,
PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION ARE PLANNING TO
INSERT A QUESTION FOR THE FIRST
TIME OVER 60 YEARS THAT WILL
INQUIRE ABOUT THE CITIZENSHIP
STATUS OF PEOPLE RECEIVING THE
U.S. CENSUS.

IT'S CLEARLY INTENDED AND AS OUR
ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS FILED SUIT
TO STOP THIS MOVE ALONG WITH 11
OTHER STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL,
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE STAND UP.
I'M QUITE CONFIDENT THAT OUR
ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE U.S.
CONGRESSMEN AND WOMEN ARE ON TOP
OF THIS.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ADD OUR
VOICE AND SUPPORT THAT WE'RE
STANDING UP FOR OUR PEOPLE HERE
AS WE ENTER THE BUDGET PROCESS
AND COUNCILLOR CIOMMO WILL BE
WEIGHING IN ON THAT.

THE CONSTITUTION DOES NOT MAKE
ANY QUALIFICATION OVER WHICH
PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBILITIED TO
BE COUNTED.

IT'S ALL PEOPLE WILL BE COUNTED
IN THE CENSUS.

IT'S QUITE CLEAR FROM THE
HISTORY OF THIS PRESIDENT AND
HIS ADMINISTRATION AND FROM THE
EXPECTED IMPACTS OF THE QUESTION
IS BEING ADDED SOLELY TO
DISCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF
IMMIGRANT POPULATION, CITIZENS
AND NONCITIZENS ALIKE.

THIS WILL AFFECT CITIES LIKE
BOSTON AND COMMUNITIES OF LARGE
POPULATIONS OF IMMIGRANT
POPULATIONS.

THAT'S THE CLEAR INTENT.

I THANK MY COLLEAGUE FOR THEIR
INDULGENCE FOR THE LATE FILE.
>> ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK?
AT THIS TIME -- I APOLOGIZE.
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> I JUST WANTED TO ECHO MY
COLLEAGUE'S COMMENTS HAVING WORK
IN THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY FOR
YEARS AND ORGANIZING THEM.
MANY OF OUR -- ONE OF OUR
BIGGEST CHALLENGES IS GETTING

THEM TO TRUST THE GOVERNMENT AND
COME FORWARD AND SAYING I'M HERE
AND THIS IS WHAT I'M WILLING TO
DO FOR MY COMMUNITY.

WE HAD A HORRIBLY DIFFICULT TIME
TRYING TO GET IMMIGRANTS TO FILL
OUT THIS CENSUS WITHOUT THIS
QUESTION PAUSE OF SUCH FEAR IN
2010 OF PEOPLE FINDING OUT WHAT
THEIR STATUS IS, THEY'RE IN A
MIXED STATUS HOME, THEIR MOTHER
MAY NOT BE DOCUMENTED, THIS KIND
OF ATTEMPT WILL FURTHER SILENCE
THEM AND OPPRESS THE AMOUNT OF
PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE.

WHEN WE LOSE THE NUMBERS IN THE
CENSUS THAT OUR CONGRESSIONAL
REPRESENTATION WENT DOWN THAT
SPEAKS TO HOW IMPORTANT IT IS
THAT HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LIVING
IN MASSACHUSETTS THAT ALL OF
THEM BE COUNTED.

ALSO, ONE OF THE BIGGEST
CONCERNS IS WHEN WE GO TO
ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR
HEALTHCARE, ALLOCATE RESOURCES
FOR SCHOOLS, WHEN WEE TALKING
ABOUT LANGUAGE ACCESS ABILITY,
WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE
NUMBERS OF WHO FOLKS ARE AND
WHERE THEY'RE LIVING.

WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION THAT IS
VITAL, WE'RE ALSO SHOOTING IN
THE DARK AS WELL ABOUT OUR OWN
POPULATION AND NEED.

PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THIS.
THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

MADAM CLERK, IF WE COULD ADD
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS NAME AS WELL
AS COUNCILLOR BAKER, COUNCILLOR
CIOMMO, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE, COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY, COUNCILLOR FLYNN,
COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, WU AND AS
WELL AS THE CHAIR.

AT THIS TIME COUNCILLOR ZAKIM
SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
AND ADOPTION.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

MOVING ON TO THE GREEN SHEETS.

I'M INFORMED BY THE CLERK THAT WE HAVE LATE-FILE MATTER WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO THE CONSENT AGENDA. SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE LATE-FILE MATTER WILL BE ADDED.

THE CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

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

WE ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS.

FOR COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, BENITO TORO.

EDWARD GOODRICHES.

THIS HONORABLE PAUL RYAN.

JAMES MURPHY.

FOR COUNCILLOR McCARTHY,

MARGARET MURRAY.

FOR COUNCILLOR WU, CARL LIZZIO.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL ADJOURNS IN THE MEMORY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

WE'RE SCHEDULED TO MEET WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 IN THIS HALL.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF

ADJOURNMENT SAY AYE.

THOSE OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.