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>>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN CALL
THE ROLL TO ASCERTAIN THE
PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.
[CALLING ROLL].
>> MADAME PRESIDENT, WE HAVE
FULL ATTENDANCE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.
I'VE BEEN INFORMED BY THE CLERK
THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT.
AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE ALL
MY COLLEAGUES, STAFF, AND GUESTS
TO PLEASE RISE.
A LOVELY CLERK IS GOING TO LEAD
US IN THE INVOCATION.
>> THANK YOU.
GOOD AFTERNOON.
SPIRIT OF LIFE AND LOVE WHICH
MOVES THROUGH US AND THROUGH ALL
THE WORLD, MAY WE THIS DAY BE
GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE
WHICH IS OURS, REMEMBERING TODAY
AND ALWAYS THAT THE LIFE WE HAVE
AND HOLD IS TO US A MYSTERY AND
PRECIOUS.
MAY WE THIS DAY BE REMINDED OF
THE RESPONSIBILITY WE CARRY NOT
SO THAT WE ARE INTIMIDATED OR
OVERWHELMED BUT SO THAT WE MAY
BE TRUE TO THEM SO THAT WE MAY
BE FAITHFUL IN CARRYING THEM
FORWARD.
MAY WE THIS DAY MAINTAIN A SENSE
OF PERSPECTIVE, REMEMBERING WHO
WE ARE, ENGAGING THE TASKS AT
HAND BUT UNDERSTANDING OUR
LIMITATIONS, UNDERSTANDING OUR
OWN SHORTCOMINGS, FORGIVING
OURSELVES AND OTHERS IF WE FALL
SHORT OF PERFECTION.
MAY WE THIS DAY BE INSPIRED, BE
FILLED WITH NEW BREATH, BE
FILLED WITH NEW ENTHUSIASM, BE
READY TO SEE FRESH OPPORTUNITY,
NEW PERSPECTIVES, UNNOTICED
AVENUES FOR ACTION AND
RESOLUTION.
AND MAY WE THIS DAY REMEMBER
THOSE VIRTUES THAT BLESS OUR

LIVES AND BLESS THE LIVES OF
OURS, THE VIRTUE OF CARING AND
CONCERN, THE VIRTUE OF HONEST
AND RESPECT, THE VIRTUES OF
CHARITY, INDUSTRY, AND PATIENCE.
AND MAY WE -- I'M SORRY.
AND MAY THE MEMBERS OF THIS
HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL MAINTAIN
A HIGH SENSE OF THEIR CALLING.
REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE INVESTED
HERE WITH HONEST AND CALLED TO A
WIDER VISION OF THE WORLD, A
WORLD MADE MORE FAIR, MORE JUST,
MORE EQUITABLE BY THEIR EFFORTS.
AMEN.

>> PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AS THE
CLERK LEADS US IN THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCILOR BAKER AND THE CLERK
LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.

>> 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.

>> BEFORE WE GET INTO ORDINARY
BUSINESS, WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE
A BIG VICTORY.
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> SHE HONESTLY WON'T FORGIVE
US.
WE REMAIN PARTNERS IN THE WORK,
BUT IT IS A BIG DEAL FOR NOT
ONLY THE CITY OF BOSTON, NOT
ONLY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH, FOR
THIS COUNTRY.

I THINK WE'VE ALL RECEIVED
INCREDIBLE EMAILS AND CALLS
CONGRATULATING YOU, SO ON BEHALF
OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL, THE
STAFF, EVERYONE WHO COMES INTO
THIS SPACE, EVEN THOSE FROM THE
PAST, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
VICTORY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> AND I WILL KEEP FOLKS UPDATED
IN TERMS OF TRANSITION.

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER.
MOVING ON TO THE MINUTES, WE'RE
GOING TO MOVE ON TO THE 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
OBJECTIONS, THE MINUTES ARE SO
APPROVED.

MADAME CLERK, MOVING ON TO
COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR
THE MAYOR.

>> DOCKET 1333, MESSAGE AND
ORDER FOR YOUR APPROVAL A
DECLARATION OF TRUST ENTITLED
"MY WAY CAFE TRUST FUND."
THIS TRUST WILL FURTHER PROMOTE
THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY,
CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE BY
PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS
IN BOSTON'S SCHOOLS.

THIS TRUST ESTABLISHES A FUND IN
THE CITY TO RENOVATE OR RETROFIT
KITCHENS AND TO FACILITATE
SERVING FRESH, HEALTHY MEALS
COOKED ON-SITE IN VARIOUS BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

>> DOCKET 1333 WILL BE ASSIGNED
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS.

>> DOCKET 1334, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE
AMOUNT OF \$121,000 IN THE FORM
OF THE FY '19 JAIL/ARREST GRANT,
AWARDED BY THE MASS DEPARTMENT
OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT.

THE GRANT WILL FUND CRISIS
INTERVENTION TRAINING.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
I RISE TO REQUEST SUSPENSION OF
THE PASSING OF DOCKET 1334.
THE \$121,000 WILL GO IMMEDIATELY
TO THE CRISIS INTERVENTION
TRAINING TEAM.

>> THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE
RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET
1334.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]
>> ANY OBJECTIONS SAY NAY.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
>> DOCKET 1335, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE
AMOUNT OF \$100,000 IN THE FORM
OF OUR TOWN GRANT AWARDED BY THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE
OF ARTS AND CULTURE.
THE GRANT WILL FUND ARTS
PROGRAMMING AND CULTURAL
DISTRICT PLANNING IN THE BOSTON
LATIN QUARTER.
>> COUNCILOR JANEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> THE LATIN QUARTER WAS NAMED
AS A STATE CULTURAL DISTRICT
THIS YEAR.
THIS GRANT IS FOR \$100,000.
IT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HYDE
SQUARE TASK FORCE WITH THE FOCUS
ON AFRO LATIN ARTS.
IT WILL SHAPE FUTURE PROGRAMMING
AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRO LATIN
ARTISTS.
I MOVE TO SUSPEND AND PASS.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.
COUNCILOR JANEY SEEKS SUSPENSION
OF THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF
DOCKET 1335.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]
>> THE AYES HAVE IT.
DOCKET 1335 HAS BEEN PASSED.
>> DOCKET 1336, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPENDS THE
AMOUNT OF \$100,000 IN THE FORM
OF GRANT FOR "LOVE YOUR BLOCK,"
AWARDED BY DONOR GROUP TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY NEIGHBORHOOD
SERVICES.
THE GRANTS WILL FUND A MINI
GRANT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
THE "LOVE YOUR BLOCK" PROGRAM
ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO TAKE ON
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECTS ALL OVER THE CITY.
I ALWAYS ENJOY BEING WITH

RESIDENTS AND CITY WORKERS.
THESE EVENTS FOSTER COMMUNITY
PRIDE AND ALLOW NEIGHBORS TO
MEET AND WORK TOGETHER.
I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT WE
SUSPEND THE RULES AND RECOMMEND
PASSAGE OF THIS DOCKET.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
AT THIS TIME, COUNCILOR FLYNN,
WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CITY NEIGHBORHOOD
SERVICES AND VETERANS AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS, SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF DOCKET 1336.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]
>> ANY OPPOSED SAY NAY.
THE AYES HAVE IT.
DOCKET 1336 HAS BEEN PASSED.
>> DOCKET 1337, MESSAGE AND
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000
IN THE FORM OF A LOCAL ARTISTS
GRANT AWARDED BY THE HARVARD
UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL, PASSED THROUGH THE
BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE
OF ARTS AND CULTURE.
THE GRANT WILL FUND YEAR ONE OF
AN AGREEMENT TO DONATE \$10,000
PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS TO THE
BOSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL
OPPORTUNITY FUND FOR THE BENEFIT
OF THE ALLSTON-BRIGHTON ARTIST
AND FREE COMMUNITY ARTS
EXPERIENCES TO ALLSTON-BRIGHTON
RESIDENTS.
>> COUNCILOR JANEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
THIS GRANT IS PART OF A
COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
HARVARD AND THE BPDA FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF HARVARD ART LAB
IN ALLSTON.
THE AGREEMENT STIPULATES THAT
HARVARD WILL CONTRIBUTE \$10,000
PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS AND THAT
IT WILL BE GRANTED TO INDIVIDUAL
ARTISTS IN ALLSTON-BRIGHTON
THROUGH THE BOSTON CULTURAL

COUNCIL'S OPPORTUNITY FUND, SO I
RECOMMEND SUSPENSION AND
PASSAGE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.
COUNCILOR JANEY, WHO IS THE
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARTS,

CULTURE AND SPECIAL EVENTS,
SEEKS SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
AND PASSAGE.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> DOCKET 1337 HAS BEEN PASSED.
I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE FORMER
COUNCILOR CHUCK TURNER IS HERE
WITH US, SO THANK YOU FOR BEING
HERE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MADAME CLERK, IF WE COULD
MOVE ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND OTHERS AND TAKE
DOCKET 1338 THROUGH 1340
TOGETHER.

>> THANK YOU.

DOCKET 1338, NOTICE WAS RECEIVED
FROM THE CITY CLERK IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6 OF THE
ORDINANCES OF 1979 REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN BY THE MAYOR ON
PAPERS ACTED UPON BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF AUGUST
1st 2018.

DOCKET 1339, COMMUNICATION WAS
RECEIVED FROM SALLY D.GLORA,
CITY AUDITOR, TRANSMITTING
REPORTS LISTING TRANSFERS MADE
SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CLOSING ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2017.

AND DOCKET 1340, NOTICE WAS
RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR OF THE
APPOINTMENT OF KARA
ELLIOTT-ORTEGA AS CHIEF OF ARTS
AND CULTURE, EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER
3rd, 2018.

>> DOCKETS WILL BE PLACED ON
FILE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES?

>> DOCKET 1559, THE COMMITTEE ON
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO
WHICH WAS REFERRED DOCKET 1559,
PETITION OF ABOVE ALL
TRANSPORTATION FOR A LICENSE TO

OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE OVER CERTAIN STREETS IN BOSTON, SUBMITS A REPORT RECOMMENDING THE JITNEY PETITION OUGHT TO PASS.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. THERE ARE TWO COMING.

I'LL SPEAK ON THIS ONE FIRST. I THINK WE'LL VOTE ON BOTH OF THEM OR VOTE ON THIS ONE AND PLACE THE OTHER ONE ON FILE BECAUSE THE SECOND ONE WAS WITHDRAWN, BUT I'M REQUESTING A VOTE TO PASS THIS JITNEY APPLICATION, JITNEY LICENSE APPLICATION.

IT'S FOR A SERVICE THAT WOULD PICK UP AND DROP OFF EMPLOYEES AT FOREST HILL STATION. WE HAD A HEARING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

THE ONLY POTENTIAL MINOR CONCERN WAS AROUND HOW LONG THEY WOULD BE SITTING IN THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREA AND THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE BOXING OUT OTHER RESIDENTS THAT NEEDED THAT SPACE.

THEY SEEMED TO BE FINE WITH THAT.

OTHERWISE, THE REST OF THE ROUTE IS NOT DUPLICATIVE OF TRANSIT. THEN THE DROP OFF SITE AT THE BUSINESS IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, SO THIS PETITIONER HAD CHECKED ALL THE BOXES.

WE HAD A VERY THOROUGH CONVERSATION.

I RECOMMEND THAT THIS LICENSE BE APPROVED.

THE SECOND ONE WAS WITHDRAWN, SO WE DON'T NEED TO VOTE ON THAT SECOND ONE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR WU.

WE'LL TAKE DOCKET 1159.

THEN I'LL HAVE THE CLERK READ THE OTHER DOCKETS INTO THE RECORD.

FOR DOCKET 1159, COUNCILOR WU, WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION,
RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF THE
COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF
DOCKET 1159.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

>> THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET 1159 HAS BEEN PASSED.

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD
READ -- LET'S READ DOCKET 0842
AND 1158 TOGETHER.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

DOCKET 0842, THE COMMITTEE ON
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO
WHICH WAS REFERRED DOCKET 0842,
PETITION OF LOCAL MOTION OF
BOSTON FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE
MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE CARRIAGE
OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE OVER
CERTAIN STREETS IN BOSTON, MAKES
A REPORT RECOMMENDING THE JITNEY
PETITION OUGHT TO BE PLACED ON
FILE.

DOCKET 1158, THE COMMITTEE ON
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO
WHICH WAS REFERRED ON AUGUST
1st, 2018, DOCKET 1158, PETITION
OF LOCAL MOTION OF BOSTON FOR
HIRE -- FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE
MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE CARRIAGE
OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE OVER
CERTAIN STREETS IN BOSTON,
SUBMITS A REPORT RECOMMENDING
THE JITNEY PETITION OUGHT TO BE
PLACED ON FILE.

>> JUST FOR POINT OF
CLARIFICATION FOR THE RECORD,
DOCKET 0842 AND DOCKET 1158 ARE
GOING TO BE PLACED ON FILE.
DOCKET 0842 AND DOCKET 1158 WILL
BE PLACED ON FILE BECAUSE THE
APPLICATIONS WERE WITHDRAWN.
MOVING ON TO MOTIONS ORDERED AND
RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET 1341, COUNCILOR JANEY
OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER --
FOR HEARING ON GENTRIFICATION
AND DISPLACEMENT IN ROXBURY.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY HAS THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME
PRESIDENT.

IT'S OFTEN SAID THERE'S A

HOUSING CRISIS IN BOSTON.
WE ARE CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST
EXPENSIVE CITIES IN THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY.

INCOMES HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH
THE HOUSING COSTS AND NOT UNLIKE
OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE NATION,
THE CITY OF BOSTON IS
GENTRIFYING.

MY GREAT-GRANDPARENTS BOUGHT
THEIR HOME FOR \$2,000 IN THE
1920s.

JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, ONE
CONDOMINIUM IN THIS VERY BROWN
STONE SOLD FOR \$1.6 MILLION.
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
RESIDENTS OF COLOR WHO WERE
LIVING AT THE SOUTH END AT THE
TIME TO BUILD A GENERATION OF
WEALTH, BUT UNLIKE MY FAMILY,
THEY WERE DISPLACED AS THE SOUTH
END WAS GENTRIFIED.

IN ROXBURY, THE SAME THING IS
HAPPENING.

FAMILIES ARE BEING HIT
ESPECIALLY HARD.

ACCORDING TO THE IMAGINE BOSTON
2030 REPORT, HOUSING CRISIS IN
ROXBURY INCREASED NEARLY 70%
BETWEEN 2010 AND 2015.

WHILE THE CITY AS A WHOLE
INCREASED 36% DURING THAT SAME
PERIOD, THAT'S 70% COMPARED TO
36%, ALMOST DOUBLE.

ROXBURY FAMILIES ARE
RENT-BURDENED, MANY PAYING HALF
OF THEIR INCOME ON HOUSING.

ACCORDING TO THE BPDA, ROXBURY
IS 81% RENTER OCCUPIED, MAKING
RESIDENTS EVEN MORE VULNERABLE
TO DISPLACEMENT AND EVICTION.
THE POPULATION IN ROXBURY IS
GROWING.

NEW RESIDENTS ARE MOVING IN, AND
AS A PROUD ROXBURY RESIDENT, I
WELCOME EVERYONE WHETHER THEY
HAVE MOVED TO ROXBURY FROM
ACROSS TOWN OR ACROSS THE WORLD.

AS THE POPULATION GROWS IN
ROXBURY, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE
THAT LONG-TIME RESIDENTS WHO
GREW UP IN THIS COMMUNITY CAN
CONTINUE TO CALL ROXBURY HOME.

I'M THINKING ABOUT ALL THE

PEOPLE I HAVE SPOKEN TO WHO HAVE TOLD ME THEY HAVE TO MOVE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO STAY.

I'M THINKING ABOUT CONSTITUENTS WHO CALL MY OFFICE BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING EVICTED.

I'M THINKING ABOUT MY NEIGHBORS WHO WANT TO BUY A HOME, BUT THE ONLY OPTION THEY HAVE IS TO LOCK TO BROCKTON OR RANDOLPH.

I'M THINKING ABOUT THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE GROWN CHILDREN STILL LIVING AT HOME BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO MOVE.

AND I'M THINKING ABOUT MY OWN GRANDDAUGHTER AND WHETHER OR NOT SHE'LL BE ABLE TO STAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I LOVE.

THESE ARE THE FACES OF ROXBURY AND THE COMMUNITY THAT WE ARE BUILT TOGETHER IS IN JEOPARDY. THE CITY HAS MADE SOME INROADS, SO I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND HIS TEAM FOR THEIR WORK, ESPECIALLY THE CHIEF.

WITH THIS HEARING ORDER, I WANT US TO EXPLORE NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

AS MORE AND MORE LAND IN ROXBURY IS BEING DEVELOPED, WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES WHO IS BENEFITTING.

DO WE HAVE ENOUGH HOUSING FOR VERY LOW-INCOME FAMILIES? AND WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO EARN TOO MUCH TO QUALIFY FOR A SUBSIDY BUT CANNOT AFFORD MARKET-RATE HOUSING?

DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT MIX OF HOUSING, INCLUDING MARKET RATE? LET'S EXPLORE WAYS IN THIS HEARING TO USE SOME OF THE PROPERTY TAX ALREADY BEING GENERATED FROM, NEW LUXURY TOWERS AS A WAY TO OFFSET THE COST OF HOUSING.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROPERTY TAX ON THE DALTON TOWER IN BACK BAY IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE \$10 MILLION IN TAX REVENUE.

THE PROPERTY TAX ON JUST ONE TOWER COULD FUND 1,000

AFFORDABLE UNITS.

I THINK THAT'S A CONVERSATION WORTH HAVING.

LET'S EXPLORE HOW WE CAN BETTER UTILIZE LINKAGE TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ROXBURY. LET'S ALSO EXPLORE REDEFINING WHAT IT MEANS WHEN WE SAY AFFORDABLE AND AFFORDABLE TO WHOM.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS HEARING WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO ADDRESS GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT IN ROXBURY. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIP OF HOUSING RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, INCLUDING RECLAIM ROXBURY, ACE, MASS ALLIANCE OF HUD TENANTS JUST TO NAME A FEW.

THERE ARE A FEW THAT MANY OF MY NEIGHBORS ARE HERE TODAY, AND I WON'T NAME ALL OF THEM, BUT I THINK IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE BOB TERRELL OF THE ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FOR HIS WORK AS WELL AS FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR CHUCK TURNER FOR HIS ADVOCACY ON THIS ISSUE.

AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR PRESENCE AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES AS WE TRY TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS AND GENTRIFICATION NOT ONLY IN ROXBURY BUT THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS IN OUR CITY.

THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

>> ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK ON THIS?

ADD THEIR NAMES?

MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILOR BAKER, COUNCILOR EDWARDS, COUNCILOR ESSABI-GEORGE, AND COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

THANK YOU.

THIS HEARING WILL PLACED ON THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

MOVING ON TO PERSONNEL ORDERS.
>> DOCKET 1342, COUNCILOR KAMPL
BELL FOR COUNCILOR WU.
>> COUNCILOR WU MOVES FOR
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AND
PASSAGE OF THE DOCKET.
ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE.
[CHORUS OF AYES]
>> THE AYES HAVE IT.
MOVING ON TO -- I'VE BEEN
INFORMED BY THE CLERK WE HAVE
TWO LATE FILES.
ACTUALLY, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A
QUICK RECESS.
[RECESS].
>> BACK
WE HAVE TWO LATE FILE MATTERS
WHICH IN THE ABSENCE OF
OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO THE
AGENDA.
HEARING AND SEEING NO OBJECTIONS
THEY ARE SO ADDED.
I'M GOING TO START WITH THE
FIRST, WHICH IS COUNCILOR JANEY
AND COUNCILOR BAKER'S.
CAN YOU READ THAT, MADAME CLERK,
INTO THE RECORD?
>> ORDER FOR HEARING ON
ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDERS, LOITERING, AND SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION.
CLOSURE OF LONG ISLAND BRIDGE,
THE SOUTH END, DORCHESTER, SOUTH
BOSTON AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS
HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN
POPULATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND OTHER
MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS,
LOITERING IN PUBLIC AREAS,
INCLUDING AT THE INTERSECTION OF
MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE AND THE
EDWARD EVERETT SQUARE, WORCESTER
SQUARE, AND DUDLEY SQUARE
COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.
WHILE ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
PRESENCE MAY BE NEEDED, THIS IS
A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS FIRST AND
FOREMOST.
SOLUTIONS NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON
TREATMENT BOTH OF SUBSTANCE
ABUSE AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH
CONDITIONS.
THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HOLD A HEARING TO BRING TOGETHER THE APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF LOITERING, DRUG, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, PROSTITUTION, CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES, BOSTON'S WAY HOME FUND, THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON EMS, AND MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE, THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS FOLLOWED JANUARY 11, 2018.

>> COUNCILOR JANEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS LATE FILE.

I ASK FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO SUSPEND RULE 12 TO COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> ANY OBJECTIONS?

COUNCILOR FLYNN IS ADDED.

WONDERFUL.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU AGAIN.

I'M SO PROUD TO COSPONSOR THIS MATTER WITH OTHER DISTRICT COUNCILORS REPRESENTING RESIDENTS OF ROXBURY'S SOUTH END.

OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE HIT PARTICULARLY HARD BY WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THIS CRISIS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, PARTICULAR COUNCILOR ESSABI-GEORGE AS WELL AS THE MAYOR FOR THEIR WORK ON COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS AND THE OPIOID CRISIS IN OUR CITY.

WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THROUGH INVESTMENTS AND SERVICES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS TO HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT I BELIEVE, AS I'M

SURE WE ALL AGREE, THAT MORE
NEEDS TO BE DONE.
JUST A WALK THROUGH DUDLEY
SQUARE CAN BE VERY SHOCKING.
THERE'S RAMPANT DRUG USE,
ALCOHOL USE, INCREASINGLY VISUAL
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND
VIOLENCE.
SOME ARE HOMELESS.
SOME ARE NOT.
SOME HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE
DISORDER.
SOME DO NOT.
MANY HAVE SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH
CONDITIONS, WHETHER DIAGNOSED OR
NOT.
THESE SITUATIONS ARE
TRAUMATIZING TO RESIDENTS, TO
CHILDREN, TO THOSE WHO ARE
EXPERIENCING THESE ISSUES
THEMSELVES.
IT HURTS OUR SMALL BUSINESSES,
AND IT IS JUST DEEPLY TROUBLING.
THIS IS NOT ONE ISSUE.
THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX SET OF
ISSUES, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO
DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO
AND -- BETWEEN MANY OF THEM AND
NOT CONFLATE THEM.
WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
HOMELESSNESS OR SUBSTANCE USE OR
MENTAL HEALTH OR LOITERING.
WITH THIS HEARING ORDER, I HOPE
TO FOCUS ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES
AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT SO
MANY RESIDENTS SEEK AND REALLY
ENGAGE RESIDENTS IN COMING UP
WITH SOME SOLUTIONS.
I'M SURE MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE
SEEN THE SHOCKING VIDEO THAT
WENT VIRAL OF PUBLIC SEX ACTS
HAPPENING DOWN DUDLEY.
SINCE THEN, WE HAVE SEEN AN
INCREASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.
RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ASKING AND
BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE BEEN
ASKING.
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S PRETTY MUCH
AROUND THE CLOCK POLICE
PRESENCE, WHICH HAS HELPED SOME,
BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING
WITH THESE ISSUES HAVE NOT
SUDDENLY BECOME WELL.
THEY HAVE MOVED ON SOMEWHERE

ELSE, AND WE NEED TO DO MORE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE GETTING THE HELP THAT THEY NEED AND THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH THE ROOT CAUSE.

AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE, BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT LONG-TERM STRATEGIES, THAT WE CANNOT JUST PUT A BAND-AID ON A BULLET WOUND. WE NEED A LONG-TERM STRATEGY THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE GET BACK ON THEIR FEET AND STAY WELL. WHILE POLICE ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ARREST OUR WAY OUT OF THIS ISSUE.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE COMPASSION, THAT WE RECOGNIZE, AS I CERTAINLY DO, THAT THESE ARE FAMILY MEMBERS. THESE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS. THESE ARE OUR BROTHERS, OUR SISTERS, OUR AUNTS, OUR UNCLES WHO ARE SUFFERING WITH MANY OF THESE ISSUES.

I RECENTLY CONVENED A GROUP OF BUSINESS LEADERS IN DUDLEY WHO HAD SOME CONCERNS AND A MEETING WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AROUND THIS ISSUE.

AND I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED A COORDINATED PLAN AND A RESPONSE THAT LOOKS AT NOT JUST LAW ENFORCEMENT BUT PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, ADVOCATES OF MENTAL HEALTH, CERTAINLY CITY AGENCIES, AND THAT ENGAGES BUSINESS OWNERS, CLERGY, NONPROFIT LEADERS, RESIDENTS AS WELL. THIS IS DEFINITELY A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, AND IT WILL REQUIRE A COORDINATED RESPONSE FROM MULTIPLE CITY AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE STAKEHOLDERS I JUST MENTIONED.

OUR RESPONSE MUST BE FAIR, JUST, COMPASSIONATE, AND INCLUSIVE OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS. WE NEED TO ACT TO TAKE CARE OF

THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING WITH ILLNESSES AS WELL AS THE LARGER COMMUNITY THAT HAS TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE BURDEN, SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY. COUNCILOR BAKER, YOU EVER THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR

JANEY.

SINCE THE BRIDGE CLOSED, WE'VE STOPPED WAREHOUSING PEOPLE. WE'RE TRIAGING AND ACTUALLY TRYING TO TREAT THEM, ACTUALLY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE.

IS IT MENTAL HEALTH?

IS IT ADDICTION?

OR IS IT JUST BEING ON THE STREET?

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I SEE SOME OF THESE KIDS DOING.

THEY WANT TO SAY THEY'VE LIVED ON THE STREET AND WHATEVER THAT IS.

THE BETTER WE GET AT TREATING THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE OUT THERE, THE MORE ARE COMING TO US.

WE NEED HELP FROM OUR STATE PARTNERS.

WE NEED TO GO INTO THESE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE LITERALLY GIVING THEIR PEOPLE BUS TICKETS TO COME TO BOSTON.

WE'RE ALMOST THE ONLY PLACE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OUTSIDE OF COUPLE OTHER PLACES THAT ARE ACTUALLY HELPING WITH THIS CRISIS.

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT IT. NOBODY'S DOING ANYTHING.

A COUPLE YEARS AGO, ON THIS FLOOR, I HAD A PROPOSAL FOR A TAX ON ALCOHOL, A 2% TAX THAT WOULD HAVE GONE DIRECTLY TO HELP THE CITY COMBAT THIS.

WE NEED MONEY FOR THIS.

IT WAS VOTED DOWN 11-2.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SAFE INJECTION SITES.

DO YOU THINK A SAFE INJECTION SITE -- WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN

THERE?
IT'S LIKE THE WILD WEST.
I CHALLENGE ANYBODY TO GO DOWN
TOPEKA STREET OR ATHENS STREET
AT 4:00 IN THE MORNING, 3:00 IN
THE MORNING.
SEX OVER HERE.
OPEN DRUG DEALING OVER HERE.
SHOOTING OVER THERE.
I DON'T THINK A SAFE INJECTION
SITE IS GOING TO HELP US.
I THINK IT COULD POTENTIALLY
MAKE THE PROBLEM WORSE, BUT I
COULD BE WRONG.
I'M WILLING TO DISCUSS THIS.
I THINK IF WE'RE LOOKING AT SAFE
INJECTION SITES, I THINK THERE'S
30 THINGS WE COULD BE DOING
BEFORE WE START WITH SAFE
INJECTION SITES, BUT SAFE
INJECTION SITES ARE ALMOST A
FEEL-GOOD WAY OF PEOPLE SAYING
LOOK AT WHAT WE DID.
WE PUT IT ON THE SOUTH END AND
ROXBURY.
NOW THEY'LL ALL GO THERE.
NO, THEY WANT.
A WHOLE BUNCH WILL BE THERE, BUT
THERE'LL BE MORE OPEN DRUG
DEALING OUT THERE.
THE MESSAGE IT SENDS TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD THAT GETS THE SAFE
INJECTION SITE THAT'S COMING TO
MY DISTRICT, THE MESSAGE THAT'S
SENT TO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD IS WE
DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU.
THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO.
PUBLIC WORKS CAN BE DOWN THERE
CLEANING UP.
POLICE CAN BE MAKING PEOPLE
MILDLY UNCOMFORTABLE.
NOT JUST WATCHING IT.
NOT JUST LOOKING AT IT.
MILDLY UNCOMFORTABLE.
I SEE THEM ON DOT AV ALL THE
TIME.
I ASK WHERE ARE YOU FROM.
I'M FROM NEW BEDFORD.
I'M FROM FALL RIVER.
I'M FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.
I'M FROM MAINE.
WE'RE TREATING THE PROBLEM HERE.
WE NEED HELP.
THE STATE NEEDS TO HELP US, AND

WHAT WE NEED TO DO AS A CITY, WE
NEED TO BE DOWN THERE FULL FORCE
ALL THE TIME.

AND IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE NOT
BEING PAID ATTENTION TO.

PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE, PUBLIC
HEALTH, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE
TO JUST -- IT'S SAD WHEN THE
PEOPLE IN THE POSITION THEY'RE
IN, BUT IT SHOULDN'T IMPACT THE
NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE
SURROUNDING THERE THE WAY IT IS
IMPACTING NOW.

THERE'S GETTING PEOPLE HEALTHY.
THEN THERE'S OPERATION IN THE
STREETS, WHAT WE DEAL WITH.
AS DISTRICT COUNCILORS, WE DEAL
WITH WHAT THE STREETS LOOK LIKE,
WHAT THE NEIGHBORHOODS LOOK
LIKE.

BECAUSE WE'RE NOT BEING HELPED
ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES, OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE BEING
AFFECTED.

SO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,
MADAME PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.
I LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER.
COUNCILOR FLYNN?

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
I'M PROUD TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUE
COUNCILOR JANEY AND COUNCILOR
BAKER AS A COSPONSOR.
PRIOR TO MY JOB AS A CITY
COUNCILLOR, I WAS A PROBATION
OFFICER.

I HELPED SUPERVISE THE HOMELESS
COMMUNITY IN BOSTON.
ONE OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES WAS
TO VISIT LONG ISLAND ONCE A WEEK
AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR
CONDITIONS OF PROBATION, DRUG
TESTING, ALCOHOL TESTING, MENTAL
HEALTH COUNSELING, DRUG
TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

I'M PROUD TO GO OVER TO LONG
ISLAND ONCE A WEEK AND TALK TO
MY CLIENTS OR PROBATIONERS OVER
THERE.

I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL THAT THE
BRIDGE IS REOPENED.

I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK OF CITY OFFICIALS, MAYOR WALSH AND HIS TEAM, IN WORKING HARD TO GET THAT BRIDGE REOPENED.

I KNOW THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTED THAT INITIATIVE, AND I'M PROUD TO SPONSOR THIS, COSPONSOR IT.

I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS WHEN SOMEONE IS DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND MAKING SURE ALSO THAT QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES ARE ALSO FACTORED IN AS WE DISCUSS THIS.

I'M PROUD TO BE HERE.

I'M PROUD OF THE GREAT WORK COUNCILOR JANEY IS DOING ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS COUNCILOR BAKER.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO JOHN MCGAN YESTERDAY ABOUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES.

AS I WAS TALKING TO JOHN MCGAN, COUNCILOR BAKER WAS CALLING UP, ASKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN GET SOMEONE INTO A DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM, SO I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR BAKER FOR HIS WORK NOT JUST AS A CITY COUNCILOR BUT FOR SO MANY YEARS AS WELL.

I'M PROUD TO BE A COSPONSOR.

THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

>> COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I'M GOING TO TAKE A MINUTE.

>> COUNCILOR ESSABI-GEORGE, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.

I WANT TO THANK THE SPONSORS OF THIS HEARING AND ASK THAT MY NAME BE ADDED.

AS A NEIGHBOR IN AN AREA THAT WAS HEAVILY OVERRUN BY INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION AND HOMELESSNESS AND LIKE ALL OF US WHO KNOW, WE ALL KNOW, THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. I COMPLIMENT THE COUNCILORS ON THIS HEARING ORDER AND THEIR CONTINUED EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR THOSE IN CRISIS AND FOR THOSE THAT ARE ALSO

IMPACTED SO GREATLY BY THIS EPIDEMIC.

WE HAVE HELD COUNTLESS HEARINGS ADDRESSING AN ARRAY OF SYMPTOMS OF THE OPIOID CRISIS, WHETHER IT WAS PART OF THE CONVERSATION OF THE LONG ISLAND BRIDGE AND THE ONE YET TO COME IN OCTOBER, THE PROPOSAL OF SAFE INJECTION SITES, OR THE COUNTLESS BUDGET HEARINGS ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING TO IMPROVE HOW WE ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES.

THESE HEARINGS ARE IMPORTANT WAYS TO HELP ELEVATE THE WORK. THIS HEARING WILL DO THE SAME. WE HAVE HAD ALSO ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS AT MANY OF OUR CIVIC AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH END TASK FORCE, WHERE WE SPEND OUR TIME LISTENING TO OUR RESIDENTS REGARDING THEIR CONCERNS ON THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND LOOKING FOR CONTINUED SOLUTIONS TO THESE CHALLENGES.

YET STILL TODAY THE PROBLEM WORSENS.

IT IS TIME TO MOVE AWAY FROM SOME OF THESE REACTIVE CONVERSATIONS AND MOVE TOWARD PRODUCTIVE SOLUTIONS.

I FIND MYSELF -- AND I KNOW ALL OF US FIND OURSELVES -- VERY FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF PROGRESS WE FEEL TO BE MAKING IN FIGHTING THIS EPIDEMIC AND WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL PARTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO PURSUE THE RIGHT APPROACH. TO ECHO SOME OF COUNCILOR BAKER'S COMMENTS ABOUT GETTING ALL THE PARTIES TO THE TABLE, IT NEEDS TO BE AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK APPROACH.

DOING MORE AND DOING IT IN A MUCH MORE COORDINATED WAY. YESTERDAY, I ACTUALLY EMAILED ALL OF YOU AS WELL AS OUR STATE COLLEAGUES AND THOSE WHO WILL SOON BE OUR STATE COLLEAGUES TO JOIN TOGETHER SO WE CAN COME TOGETHER TO FIND SOME VERY PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS THAT WE AS

AN ELECTIVE BODY THAT WE CAN PUT
ON THESE OTHER PARTNERS TO FIND
THE RIGHT MEASURE OF
COLLABORATION AND THE RIGHT
MEASURE OF PRESSURE.

IN DOING THIS WORK AND DOING
THIS WORK TOGETHER IS SO
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO HELP
THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, WHO
ARE FEELING THE IMPACTS, THE
CRISIS OF ADDICTION AND THE
CHAOS OF HOMELESSNESS BRINGS.
I TRULY BELIEVE THAT BOSTON HAS
THE POTENTIAL TO BE THE MODEL
FOR FIGHTING THIS CRISIS AND TO
LEAD THE WAY FOR THE REST OF THE
UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD
BECAUSE WE KNOW THIS IS A
WORLDWIDE CRISIS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO EXPEDITING
THIS HEARING TO GETTING TO THIS,
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
THIS WORK NO DOUBT IN
PARTNERSHIP.

I WOULD ADD VERY SPECIFICALLY I
KNOW THEY WILL BE INCLUDED, BUT
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
THROUGH THE STATE IS INCLUDED
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH IS INCLUDED, THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S OFFICE AS WELL AS THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS
INCLUDED IN THIS WORK AS WELL AS
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

WE NEED ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS AND LOOK
FORWARD TO SCHEDULING IT SOON.
THANK YOU.

>> MADAME CLERK, IF YOU CAN
ASKED COUNCILOR ESSABI-GEORGE'S
NAME AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR
LEADERSHIP AND FOR THEIR
PASSION.

CERTAINLY AGREE THAT WE NEED TO
BE MORE COORDINATED AND LOOK FOR
HOLISTIC RESPONSES AND THAT
WE'RE BOTH PROACTIVE AND
REACTIVE.

I WOULD JUST ALSO ADD THAT WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF ALL THE OTHER THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE, SO WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE IS A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY ON ALL THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.

YOU HAVE WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE BECAUSE OF DISPLACEMENT.

YOU HAVE WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE BECAUSE WE DON'T ALWAYS SEE AN EQUITABLE AND FUNDED MANDATE FOR AN INVESTMENT IN TRAUMA RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.

PEOPLE LIKE MY FATHER BATTLED OPIOID ADDICTION BECAUSE OF TRAUMA THAT WENT UNTREATED, SO ALL OF THESE THINGS -- IF WE DON'T HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO A SCHOOL NURSE OR A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IN OUR SCHOOLS, ALL THESE THINGS ARE THE CONSEQUENCE, SO I WOULD JUST URGE ALL OF US TO FUNCTION WITH A FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW ON THESE OTHER ISSUES BECAUSE THIS IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THESE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND I WOULD ALSO JUST ADD THAT THERE'S NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL APPROACH TO ANY OF THIS.

WE TALK ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN SHELTER.

I USE THAT -- WE'VE MADE GREAT STRIDES, BUT WE NEED TO SEE THAT AT OTHER SHELTERS, HOUSING FIRST, OF COURSE, BUT THEY'VE GOT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY. IT HAS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL THE VARIOUS POPULATIONS.

THE LGBT YOUTH THAT I ENGAGE WITH THAT ARE TRADING SEX FOR SHELTER ON THOSE STREETS ARE THERE BECAUSE AS YOUTH THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE IN OUR SHELTER SYSTEM.

THERE IS NO ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH TO THIS.

FOR THOSE THAT ARE SEXUALLY EXPLOITED AND BEING TRAFFICKED, EXCUSE ME, REDUCED THE DEMAND, THEY WOULDN'T BE DOING WHAT THEY

WERE DOING IF THERE WASN'T A DEMAND FOR WHAT THEY ARE OFFERING, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN TURNED ON TO DRUGS PLICIT IN THESE THINGS. WE HAVE ONE SAFE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I THANK THE MAYOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE ADVOCATES.

OUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT IS NOT FUNDED, SO ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE INTERRELATED AND CONNECTED.

WHAT I'M OFFERING HERE IS, ONE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE ISSUES -- AND I WILL BE HELPFUL WHATEVER WAY I CAN BE -- THAT THOSE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED ARE AT THE TABLE.

I WANT PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE LIGHT AT THE TABLE AS A PART OF THIS.

THE OTHER THING IS WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE MORE CUSTOMIZED, SPECIALIZED APPROACHES TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF ALL THE POPULATIONS THAT ARE AFFLICTED AND ARE SUFFERING HERE.

THERE'S NO ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH TO THIS WORK.

ALL OF THESE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ADDRESSING GENTRIFICATION, DISPLACEMENT, ECONOMIC MOBILITY, FOLKS NOT GOING BROKE PAYING MEDICAL BILLS -- DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE I KNOW THAT ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE OF MEDICAL HARDSHIP? JUST A PAYCHECK AND A MEDICAL INCIDENT AWAY FROM LIVING ON THE STREETS.

AGAIN, MANY OF THEM ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS BECAUSE THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE IN SHELTER, SO WE HAVE TO BE COORDINATED.

WE HAVE TO BE HOLISTIC.

WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES.

AND WE HAVE TO MOVE WITH URGENCY.

AGAIN, I COMMEND THE MAKERS.
I WISH TO HAVE MY NAME ADDED.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
PRESSLEY.
MADAME CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY'S NAME.
I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU BUT
ALSO THANK THE THREE CO-AUTHORS
FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.
I KNOW IT'S AN ISSUE WE TALK
ABOUT QUITE A BIT.
IT'S TRUE OF MANY ISSUES ON THE
COUNCIL AS WELL, BUT THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER, FOR
BEING SO FRANK.
SOMETIMES THAT'S APPROPRIATE
TOO, SO THANK YOU, GUYS.
I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
OF COURSE, I LOVE SERVING WITH
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.
THIS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS.
MADAME CLERK -- MENTAL HEALTH
AND RECOVERY.
QUICKLY, JUST GOING TO TAKE
SOMETHING OUT OF ORDER.
THERE'S A LATE FILE TO BE ADDED
TO THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH GOES
HAND IN HAND WITH THE LATE FILE
THAT WAS JUST ADDED TO THE
AGENDA AS A WHOLE, SO IF THERE
ARE NO OBJECTIONS, I WOULD LIKE
TO TAKE THAT LATE FILE OUT OF
ORDER AND ADD IT TO THE CONSENT
AGENDA.
ANY OBJECTIONS?
AT THIS TIME, THAT LATE FILE
WILL BE ADDED TO THE CONSENT
AGENDA.
I WILL MOVE LATER TO ADOPT THE
WHOLE CONSENT AGENDA, BUT FOR
NOW I'M GOING TO CALL IN
COUNCILOR ESSABI-GEORGE TO TALK
ABOUT THOSE.
YOU SHOULD HAVE COPIES OF BOTH
THE RESOLUTION AS WELL AS THE
HEARING ORDER DEALING WITH
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
RECOGNIZING SUICIDE PREVENTION
MONTH.
>> THANK YOU, MADAME PRESIDENT.
THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR
DEALING WITH THE LATE FILES AND
JOINING THE TWO RIGHT NOW.

I DO RISE TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER
AS NATIONAL SUICIDE --
>> SORRY, COUNCILOR.

THIS IS WHY I HAVE GREAT CLERKS.
THEY HAVE TO READ THIS INTO THE
RECORD.

I JUST CAN'T NAME IT.
THEY'RE GOING TO READ THOSE INTO
THE RECORD.

THEN YOU'RE GOING TO START ALL
OVER AGAIN.

WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK TO YOU.
THANK YOU, MADAME CLERK.

THANK YOU, ASSISTANT CLERK.

>> OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILLOR
ANNISSA ESSABI-GEORGE AND
PRESSLEY, ORDER RECOGNIZING
SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION
MONTH.

IT'S INTENDED TO RAISE AWARENESS
ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION
STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES,
EDUCATE PEOPLE HOW TO HELP
OTHERS IN TIME OF CRISIS, AND
ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT SUICIDE WITHOUT
INCREASING THE RISK OF HARM,
WHEREAS WE, AS A BODY, ENCOURAGE
ALL RESIDENTS TO PRACTICE
KINDNESS AND TO TAKE TIME TO
INQUIRE AS TO THE WELL-BEING OF
OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES,
AND NEIGHBORS WHILE GENUINELY
CONVEYING OUR APPRECIATION OF
THEIR EXISTENCE BY ANY GESTURE
THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

WHEREAS, BRINGING AWARENESS TO
SUICIDE PREVENTION CAN HELP
BREAK DOWN STIGMA AND BARRIERS
TO TREATMENT AND THEREFORE BE IT
RECOVERED THAT THE CITY
COUNCILLOR DECLARE THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE
PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH ;
BOSTON.

FILED IN THE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOU
HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT,
AND I DO WANT TO FIRST THANK
COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY FOR HER
LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

SHE HAS CERTAINLY HELPED AND LED THE WAY IN BRINGING MORE ATTENTION TO THE CONCERNS AND THE -- THE CONCERNS OF SUICIDE AND THE HOPES FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND GREATER AWARENESS.

I DO RISE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AS IT IS NATIONALLY AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT SUICIDE WITHOUT INCREASING THE RISK OF HARM.

SUICIDE IS THE TENTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES, CLAIMING THE LIVES OF NEARLY 45,000 PEOPLE EVERY YEAR, OR 123 AMERICANS A DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE C.D.C., THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, DATA SHOWS BETWEEN 1999 AND 2016, WE'VE SEEN THE SUICIDE RATE IN MASSACHUSETTS INCREASE BY OVER 35%.

SUICIDE IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG 15 TO 25-YEAR-OLDS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SUICIDE CONTINUES TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AFFECTING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, REGARDLESS OF AGE, GENDER, RACE, ORIENTATION, INCOME LEVEL, RELIGION OR BACKGROUND.

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT MANY DEMOGRAPHICS ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SUICIDE, SUCH AS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS, INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, VETERANS AND THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ADVOCACY GROUPS, THE DOCTORS, THERAPISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, THE FIRST RESPONDERS, THE TEACHERS WHO ARE VERY OFTEN ON THE FRONT LINE AND PUT THEMSELVES ON THE FRONT LINE OF THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

IT IS LIKELY THAT EACH AND EVERY

ONE OF US IN THIS ROOM HAS BEEN AFFECTED IN SOME CAPACITY BY SUICIDE AND MENTAL ILLNESS. SUICIDE IS PREVENTIBLE AND STARTS WITH CONVERSATION ABOUT AN OFTEN TABOO SUBJECT, ALONG WITH RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH, IT IS ESSENTIAL WE KNOW THE RESOURCES THAT ARE HELPING PREVENT SUICIDE OVER THE LONG TERM, WHICH IS WHY I FILED A HEARING ORDER IN ADDITION TO THE RESOLUTION TODAY TO EXAMINE THE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES SUCH AS TREATMENT SERVICES, SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND DEESCALATION METHODS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

DURING THIS HEARING, I HOPE TO LEARN ABOUT BETTER WAYS THAT THE CITY CAN BE INVOLVED IN THESE PREVENTION EFFORTS, BOTH THE CITY AS A WHOLE AS WE THINK ABOUT OUR EMPLOYEES AND HOW TO SUPPORT THEM, TO THINK ABOUT OUR YOUTH, THE 57,000 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HOW WE SUPPORT THEM, AND THE RESIDENTS ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON.

BY HAVING THIS CONVERSATION AND PASSING THE RESOLUTION, WITH WE AS A BODY ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO PRACTICE KINDNESS AND TO TAKE THAT TIME TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE WELL BEING OF OUR FAMILY, OUR FRIENDS, OUR COLLEAGUES AND OUR NEIGHBORS, WHILE GENUINELY CONVEYING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EXISTENCE BY ANY GESTURE THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING AND I LOOK FORWARD TO NOT JUST CREATING THIS AWARENESS WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT IT IN PUBLIC AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT IT OUT LOUD, BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE ACCESS POINTS SO THAT PEOPLE THAT NEED SUPPORT, THAT NEED

RESOURCES CAN GET THEM, AND THE WAY THAT WE TALK ABOUT ADDICTION, THAT THEY CAN GET THEM ON DEMAND, BECAUSE IT'S ONE THING TO BE ABLE TO SAY YOU NEED HELP, BUT TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THAT HELP, WE NEED TO MAKE THAT EASIER.

PEOPLE DON'T REACH OUT FOR HELP THINKING I MIGHT NEED IT SIX WEEKS DOWN THE ROAD, BUT THEY'RE REACHING OUT FOR SUPPORT, FOR GUIDANCE, FOR HELP, THEY NEED IT IMMEDIATELY.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT ON THE RESOLUTION, ACKNOWLEDGING THE DATE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUPPORT IF THE HEARING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU.

MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO BOTH, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> ACTUALLY, BEFORE WE EVEN DO THAT, MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD QUICKLY READ THE ORDER, NOT THE RESOLUTION, INTO THE RECORD AND THEN I'LL COME BACK AROUND.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> AUTHORED BY ANNISSA

ESSAIBI-GEORGE, DEESCALATION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, WHEREAS SUICIDE CONTINUES TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF AGE, GENDER, RACE, ORIENTATION, INCOME LEVEL, RELIGION OR BACKGROUND, WHEREAS SUICIDE IS THE TENTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES, CLAIMING THE LIVES OF NEARLY 45,000 PEOPLE, EQUIVALENT TO APPROXIMATELY 123 AMERICANS A DAY, WHEREAS MOST SUICIDES ARE PREVENTABLE THROUGH EFFECTIVE CONVERSATION CAN DECREASE STIGMA MAKING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE. THEREFORE BE ORDERED THAT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL HOLD A

HEARING TO EXAMINE MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REACHING THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON REGARDLESS OF AGE, GENDER, RACE, ORIENTATION, INCOME LEVEL, RELIGION OR BACKGROUND.

FILED IN THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2018.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD YOUR NAME TO BOTH?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY'S NAME TO BOTH THE RESOLUTION AND HEARING ORDER.

ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO ADD THEIR NAMES?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ALSO ADD COUNCILLOR BAKER, CIOMMO, EDWARDS, FLYNN, JANEY, MCCARTHY, O MAILY, WU, ZAKIM, PRESSLEY, AS WELL AS THE CHAIR TO BOTH OF THOSE AND, COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST WANTED TO THANK COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE FOR INVITING ME TO PARTNER WITH HER ON THIS AND, YOU KNOW, ALL OF US ARE VULNERABLE TO MOMENTS OF FRAGILITY AND HOPELESSNESS, AND, SO, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL.

I CAN'T SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THIS ISSUE FOR SO MANY FAMILIES WHO ARE SUFFERING IN SILENCE, IN SHAME AND IN ISOLATION, BECAUSE THIS ISN'T AN ISSUE THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE TOOLS TO TALK ABOUT AND WORK ON EFFECTIVELY.

WE DO SEE AN INCREASE IN SUICIDE FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY YOUNG MEN OF COLOR, AND ALSO AMONGST TEEN GIRLS, AND I DO THINK THAT SOCIAL MEDIA IS REALLY PLAYING A HUGE ROLL IN ROLE IN THIS AS WELL AS ACCESS TO GUNS. AS MUCH AS IT IS ABOUT ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE KNOW

IF THERE IS A FIREARM, IT'S 12% MORE LIKELY FOR SUICIDE BECAUSE OF ACCESS TO GUNS.

WE NEED TO LIMIT THE GUNS, THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY GUNS, AND ALSO TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE ISSUE AND SUPPORTING THESE FAMILIES.

SO I HOPE WE'LL ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM AND TO BETTER UNDERSTAND, IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE HAVE WITH THOSE FAMILIES WHO ARE SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS OF LOVED ONES THAT THEY'VE LOST DUE TO GUN VIOLENCE, THAT WE ENGAGE THOSE SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SAME WAY ABOUT THIS ISSUE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW BEST TO SUPPORT THEM AND TO PREVENT THIS TRAGEDY FROM HAPPENING.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE IS 1,000 PERCENT CORRECT, THIS IS PREVENTIBLE.

SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER ON THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY.

AT THIS TIME, THE HEARING ORDER WHICH IS THE SECOND LATE FILE MATTER WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY, AND THE THIRD RESOLUTION, THE FAITHFUL MATTER, COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND PRESSLEY SEEK SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF THE THIRD ADOPTED LATE FILE MATTER.

(VOTING)

THE THIRD LATE FILE MATTER HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

MOVING TO THE GREEN SHEETS, ANYONE WISHING TO PULL A MATTER FROM THE GREEN SHEETS?

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, GO RIGHT AWAY.

WHICH DOCKET AND WHICH PAGE?

>> PAGE 7 OF 13, DOCKET NUMBER 1231.

>> MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ THE DOCKET INTO THE RECORD.

>> WHAT PAGE?

7 OF 13.

DOCKET 1231.

THE HOUSE AND THE COMMITTEE
ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, 1231 --

>> CORRECT.

OKAY.

SPONSORED BY THE MAYOR.

MESSAGE AND ORDER OFFERING THE
CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND
EXTEND FISCAL YEAR 2018 CONTINUE
CARE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$30 MILLION.

THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO
SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE
SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS, FILED
IN COUNCIL ON AUGUST 22nd,
2018.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

CAN WE ACTUALLY PULL THAT
COMMITTEE JUST TO MAKE SURE THIS
DOCKET IS PROPERLY BEFORE THE
COUNCIL?

>> I'M SORRY.

TAKE YOUR TIME.

SORRY.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

WE'RE POLLING THE COMMITTEE.

>> OH, I'M ASSUMING YOU'RE A
YES.

(LAUGHTER)

>> THERE WAS SUCH A DELAY.

I'M SO SORRY FOR THAT.

COUNCILLOR JANEY, YES.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, YES.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YES.

MADAM PRESIDENT, THERE IS
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PULL THIS
DOCKET FROM COMMITTEE.

>> DOCKET 1231 IS PROPERLY
BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> BASIC REMARKS TO MY
COLLEAGUES.

THIS IS A BASIC ANNUAL GRANT WE
GET FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
TO MAKE SURE WE'RE HELPING OUR
HOMELESS POPULATION IN PROVIDING
RESOURCES AND IN THE PAST MAKE
SURE WE'RE GIVING RESOURCES

ABOUT HOW THIS GOVERNMENT NEEDS
TO DO MORE.
LET US NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF
IT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS IS THE CHAIR
OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SEEKS
SUSPENSION OF RULES AND PASSAGE
OF DOCKET 1231.

(VOTING)

>> THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 1231
HAS BEEN PASSED.

COUNCILLOR FLYNN, TOUGH FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
MAY I ASK THAT DOCKET NUMBER
0509 BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE
COUNCIL?

>> YES.

WHAT PAGE IS THAT?

>> PAGE 1 OF 13.

MADAM CLERK, IF WE COULD REED
0509, PAGE 1 OF 13 OF THE GREEN
SHEETS INTO THE RECORD.

THANK YOU.

>> IN THE COMMITTEE ON CITY AND
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE, VETERANS
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, DOCKET
0509, SPONSORED FOR THE
CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF
CATH LANE DOUGLAS JOHN AS A
MEMBER OF THE BOSTON WATER AND
SEWER COMMISSION TERM ENDING
JANUARY 31st, 2022, REFERRED
TO COMMITTEE ON APRIL 4, 2018.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

IF YOU COULD POLL THE COMMITTEE
TO MAKE SURE THIS IS PROPERLY
BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

>> NO PROBLEM.

THANK YOU.

E COMMITTEE OF THE CITY AND
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES,
COUNCILLOR FLYNN.

FLYNN, EYES.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, YES.

COUNCILLOR BAKER, YES.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YES.

AND COUNCILLOR McCARTHY, YES.

THERE IS UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO
PULL DOCKET NUMBER 0509 FROM THE
GREEN SHEETS.

>> DOCKET 0509 IS PROPERLY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL.
COUNCILLOR FLYNN, YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
MADAM PRESIDENT, I'M ASKING MY
COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN
DOUGLAS STONE AS A MEMBER OF THE
BOSTON WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSION.

I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION WHO
INFORMED ME KATHLEEN DOUGLAS
STONE IS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB,
HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN REPRESENTING
THE WATER AND SEWER VERY WELL.
I ALSO SPOKE TO THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE ABOUT THIS AS WELL AND
JUST WANT TO RESPECTFULLY ASK MY
COLLEAGUES FOR THE PATH THAT
YOU'RE ON, ON THIS DOCKET.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLYNN.
AT THIS TIME WE HAVE THE CHAIR
OF CITY NEIGHBORHOODS MILITARY
VETERANS AND NEIGHBORHOOD
AFFAIRS RECOMMENDING THE
CONFIRMATION TO HAVE THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN
DOUGLAS STONE TO THE BOSTON
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION,
OBVIOUSLY SEEKING SUSPENSION OF
THE RULES TO DO THIS.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT, DOCKET 1509
HAS BEEN PASSED.
ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO PULL FROM
THE GREEN SHEETS?
OKAY, MOVING RIGHT ALONG TO THE
CONSENT AGENDA.
WE HAD ONE LATE FILE MATTER
EARLIER WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN
ADDED.
CHAIR MOVES FOR ADOPTION OF THE
CONVENT AGENDA.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE CONSENT
AGENDA HAS BEEN ADOPTED.
BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO MEMORIALS,
AND HE MAY NOT LIKE THIS, BUT I
THINK I ALONG WITH MANY OTHER
COLLEAGUES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
APPLAUD OUR COLLEAGUE COUNCILLOR
ZAKIM FOR HIS COURAGE TO RUN AND

NOT JUST HIS COURAGE TO RUN --
(APPLAUSE)
-- AND NOT JUST HIS COURAGE TO
RUN, BUT ALSO HOW HE REPRESENTED
THIS INSTITUTION, THE COUNCIL,
DURING THAT RUN.
SO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL
YOUR COLLEAGUES, PAST AND
PREVIOUS AND TO YOUR TEAM AS
WELL.

CONGRATULATIONS.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

>> (INAUDIBLE).

SO AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE
ALL GUESTS AND MY COLLEAGUES TO
PLEASE RISE AS WE ADJOURN
TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: FOR
COUNCILLOR JANEY, DANIEL SONNY
CRUZ, SR.

FOR CRED'S WU, SHARON KELLY, FOR
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM JOHN DIABAKLY,
FOR COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, ELEANOR
SHIKNER, ELEANOR COOPER AND
TERESE AC DETERMINED.

FOR COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, DIANA
GREEN, JOSEPH GRIFFIN, MARIE
CONNELLY, THOMAS PROKUSKY,
WALTER HARRIS.

FOR COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY,
CHARLOTTE RAY.

FOR COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL --
OBVIOUSLY FOR MYSELF -- TIMOTHY
CUNY.

FOR COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY AND
MCCARTHY, JOANNEY O'CONNELL.
FOR COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, ZAKIM
AND ESSAIBI-GEORGE, LIONEL
MAURICE LEE GUBIT.

AND, OF COURSE, WE WANT TO
OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO
HONOR ALL THOSE LOST ON
SEPTEMBER 11th.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

(SILENCE)

THANK YOU.

THE CHAIR MOVES, WHEN THE
COUNCIL ADJOURNS, IT DOES SO IN
MEMORY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED
INDIVIDUALS SCHEDULED TO
IMMEDIATE AGAIN IN THIS H
CHAIRMAN ON WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 19 AT 12 NOON IN THIS

CHAMBER AT THE BOSTON CITY HALL.
(VOTING)
THE AYES HAVE IT, THE COUNCIL --
OH -- THE COUNCIL WILL BE
ADJOURNED.
THANK YOU.
(END OF EVENT)