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>> GOOD AFTERNOON.
IF YOU COULD CALL THE ROLL TO
ASCERTAIN A QUORUM.
>> COUNCILLOR BAKER.
>> HERE.
>> CLOWNS CIOMMO.
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR FLYNN?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR JAMIE?
>> PRESENT.
>> COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY?
>> HERE.
>> COUNCILLOR WU?
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM.
>> HERE.
>> WE HAVE A QUORUM.
>> I'M INFORMED THAT A QUORUM IS
PRESENT.
I'D LIKE ALL GUESTS AND STAFF TO
PLEASE RISE.
OUR LOVELY CLERK TAKES US
THROUGH THE INVOCATION.
I ASK EVERYONE TO REMAIN
STANDING AS SHE LEADS US THROUGH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
GOOD AFTERNOON.
THE RINGING OF A BELL CALLS US
TO WORSHIP.
THE POUNDING OF A DRUM CALLS US
TO WAR.
THE POPPING OF A CORK CALLS US
TO CELEBRATION.
WHAT IS THE SOUND THAT CALLS US
HERE WITH ONE ANOTHER?
LISTEN, LISTEN CAREFULLY.
IT'S HERE IN SILENCE, LISTEN
DEEPLY.
THE BEATING OF YOUR OWN HEARTS
CALLS US OURSELVES, CALLS US TO
BE OUR TRUESELVES, CALLS US TO
BE OUR BEST SELVES AND CALLS US

TO BE WHAT WE MIGHT BECOME.
LISTEN, THERE IS ANOTHER SOUND,
THE BREATH OF OUR NEIGHBOR'S
CALL OUTSIDE OURSELVES.
CALL US TO BE COMPANIONS, CALL
US TO BE ALLIES AND 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 HAMMERING SILENCE CALLS US
TOGETHER THAT WE MAY DO THE WORK
WE CANNOT DO ALONE.
LET US HEED THE CALLS THAT COME
IN THE SILENCE THAT WE MAY BE
WELL AND DO GOOD IN THE WORLD
TOGETHER.

AMEN.

>> AMEN.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CLERK.

AND WE ARE MOVING ON TO
THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

IF THERE'S NO CORRECTIONS TO BE
MADE, THE MINUTES OF THE LAST
COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE

APPROVED.

SEEING AND HEARING NO OBJECTION,
THE MINUTES ARE SO APPROVED.

MOVING ON TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC
OFFICERS AND OTHERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0579.

NOTICES RECEIVED THE MAYOR OF
HIS ABSENCE OF THE CITY FROM
6:00 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019
UNTIL 8:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 27, 2019.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0579 WILL BE
PLACED ON FILE.

>> DOCKET NUMBER NUMBER 0580.
COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS ON THE REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT
ENTITLED BUILDING FOR ALL
BOSTONIANS.

>> COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST WANTED TO FIRST OF ALL
THANK MY STAFF MEMBERS,
ESPECIALLY COUNCILLOR WU WHO WAS
VITAL IN HELPING THIS REPORT AND
ALSO GIVING CREDIT TO THE MANY
PEOPLE THAT WE GAVE COPIES TO
AND GAVE FEEDBACK, INCLUDING TIM
DAVIS OF THE BPDA.

JAMES JENNINGS OF THE TUFTS
UNIVERSITY, CASSIDY BROWN,
MARGARET TURNER, GREATER BOSTON
LEGAL SERVICES AND THE
MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATIONS OF
CDCs.

AS WELL AS DE-WAYNE TYNDALL.
THIS REPORT WAS A LOT OF WORK.
WE FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO NOT
ONLY PICK UP ON THE
CONVERSATIONS WE STARTED BUT TO
SUCK RISE THE RECOMMENDATIONS
GOING FORWARD.

SPECIFICALLY WE WANTED TO NOTE
AND LOOK AT THE TOOLS THAT THE
CITY USES TO DEVELOP LINKAGE AND

IDP.

WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT
THESE TWO ISSUES ESPECIALLY IDP,
IS NOT ON AFFIRMED BY ADOPTED AS
PART OF OUR ZONING CODE.

THAT CURRENTLY IS A POLICY THAT
IS RENEWED.

ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS IT
BECOME PART OF THE CODE.

WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THIS
COMMUNITY REPORT ADDS BY
DISCUSSING THE LINKAGE AND
NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AND
MAKING RECOMMENDATION FOR
GROWING THESE PROGRAMS WHERE
OTHER CITY COUNCILS CAN DIRECTLY
IMPACT ZONING AND INCREASE THE
IDP AND LINKAGE.

THAT IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM
THE REPORT TO INCLUDE.

SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
INCLUDING DATA, REPORTING TRACK
BENEFICIARIES OF THE INCLUSION

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE
PEOPLE GIVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING
UNITS ARE LIVING IN THEM AND
MEETING THE INCOME GUIDELINES
FOR THEM.

MANY BLACK AND LATINO FAMILIES
FALL BELOW THE THRESHOLD FOR
INCLUSIONARY DEVELOPMENT AND
IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE LOOK AT
THE IMPACTS OVER TIME.

WE NEED TO CLARIFY THE IDP TO
THE PLAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS LIKE
SUFFOLK DOWNS.

I BRING THAT UP BECAUSE THAT'S
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EAST BOSTON.
THE POLICY IS UNCLEAR.

WHAT THAT MEANS IS WHAT WE PASS
TODAY FOR IDP COULD CHANGE, BUT
THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA MAY
ADOPT A SMALLER OR LOWER
PERCENTAGE AT THE 13%.

WE MAY CHANGE IT.

OUR CONCERN IS THAT PDAs DON'T
GROW.

WE HAVE TO HAVE LONG-TERM A FORD
ABILITY BY PAIRING WITH LAND
TRUSTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-OWNED
HOUSING.

EVALUATING DECISION MAKING
AUTHORITY WHICH IN OTHER
COMMUNITIES IS A COLLABORATIVE
PRODUCT OF THIS MAYOR AND THE
CITY COUNCIL.

WE HAVE TO ADJUST ZONING CODE.
THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION, WE
HAVE TO CODIFY THE INCLUSIONARY
DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNIZE
LINKAGE IN THE STATUE.

I'LL DEFER TO THE REPORT ON
TUESDAY'S HEARING TO HEAR MORE
ABOUT THAT.

I LOOK FORWARD WITH WORKING WITH
THE BODY AND SUMMARIZE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS AND HAVE THIS
HARD WORK AND BODY AS A RESOURCE
FOR MY COLLEAGUES.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
EDWARDS.

DOCKET NUMBER 0580 WILL BE
PLACED ON FILE.

MOVING TO REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0209.

THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT

OPERATIONS TO WHICH WAS REFERRED
ON JANUARY 30th, 2019.

DOCKET NUMBER 0209.

MESSAGE AND ORDER AMENDING THE
CITY OF BOSTON CODE ORDINANCES.
CHAPTER 17 REGARDING LICENSING
AND REGULATING SHARED MOBILITY
BUSINESSES.

SUBMITS A RECORD RECOMMENDING
THE ORDINANCE OUGHT TO PASS AND
A NEW DRAFT.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU.

DOCKET NUMBER 0209 IS AN
ORDINANCE THAT SEEKS TO CREATE A
FLEXIBLE LICENSE STRUCTURE THAT
ALLOWS THE CITY TO REGULATE
BUSINESSES OFFERING VEHICLES AND
SMALL BUSINESSES FOR RENT ON
CITY SIDEWALKS.

THE MATTER WAS SPONSORED BY
MAJOR WALSH.

THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEARING AND A
WORKING SESSION ON MARCH 15.

AT THAT WORKING SESSION, THE
COMMITTEE REVIEWED SUGGESTED
CHANGES INCLUDING HAVING A CITY
COUNCILLOR SERVE AS A MEMBER OF
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

REPORTING FINDINGS, YOUTH
APPOINTEE, DYNAMIC CAP, ANNUAL
ANALYSIS OF LICENSES, PRIVACY
AND PUBLIC REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
UTILIZATION.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED STAFF
CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY
IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM, THE
CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM AND
DATA ON TRIPS.

THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE
COLLECTION OF SCOOTERS AND THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANIES
AS WELL AS THE INSURANCE AND ALL
LIABILITIES.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTED CONCERNS ABOUT
SAFETY AND EQUITY IN THE
INDUSTRY'S IMPACT ON ADA, ACCESS
ABILITY AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC
COMMENTS.

THE ADMINISTRATION EXPLAINED
THAT THE SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE
IS INTENTIONALLY BROAD DUE TO

THE EVOLVING INDUSTRY AND SMALL VEHICLE SHARING BUSINESS ADVISORY WILL HELP CREATE THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE SMALL VEHICLE VARYING BUSINESS THAT ARE CODIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE.

BASED ON THE INFORMATION GATHERED AT THE HEARING, THE DUCT WILL BE AMENDED.

SECTION 17-21.4 IS AMENDED BY HAVING A CITY COUNCILLOR SERVE ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY INCLUDING FOLLOWING PROVISION.

"CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT OR SUCH OTHER COUNCIL DESIGNATED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AFTER THE FOLLOWING WORDS, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DISABILITIES COMMISSION."

SECTION 17-21.4 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION DID THAT WILL ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR THE COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS.

THEY SHALL ISSUE A REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

SHALL BE FILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING AFTER FILING.

MANY OF THE AMENDMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE LICENSING AND CONTRACTING PROCESS WITH INDIVIDUAL OPERATORS.

AS A RESULT, THE CHAIR -- AS CHAIR RECOMMENDED DOCKET NUMBER 0209 OUGHT TO PASS IN AN AMENDED DRAFT AND THROUGH THE CHAIR WORK WITH OUR COLLEAGUE WHO DID TREMENDOUS WORK, WHICH IS COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I RISE TO COMMEND MY DEAR COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND OF THE COMMITTEE FOR HIS INCREDIBLE

WORK AND SAM FROM HIS TEAM AND WILL WEBSTER FROM MY TEAM, THIS IS REALLY EXCITING.

THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS IN SUCH A THOUGHTFUL AND DELIBERATIVE WAY.

WE'VE SEEN OTHER CITIES HAVE TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL ROLL-OUTS OF MICROMOBILITY, PARTICULARLY ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND SOME THAT HAVE HAD SOME FITS AND STARTS FROM THE BEGIN.

WE'RE GOING TO DO IT RIGHT, THE BOSTON WAY.

I'M A BIG SUPPORTER OF MICROMOBILITY FOR THREE KEY REASONS.

THEY HELP MOVE PEOPLE AROUND AND REMOVE CARS FROM THE ROAD, LOWER GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

IF DONE RIGHT, IT CAN GENERATE REVENUE FOR THE CITY, THIS IS REVENUE NEUTRAL AT BEST AND CAN GENERATE REAL REVENUE.

CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO WORK AND SEE ALL OF US ON SCOOTERS IN THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.

AT THE TIME COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET NUMBER 0209 AND AN AMENDED DRAFT.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0209 HAS BEEN PASSED IN AN AMENDED DRAFT. MOVE ON TO MATTERS HEARD FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0106.

MESSAGE ENTITLED PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW REGARDING AN ACT TO FURTHER LEVERAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO BUILD HOUSING, CREATE JOBS AND PRESERVE INCLUSIONARY DEVELOPMENT.

>> COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU.

0106 IS A PETITION SEEKING THE
PROVIDE THE COUNCIL TO MAKE
ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LINKAGE
FORMULA.

WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE COUNCIL,
LINKAGE WAS MADE BY RAY FLYNN IN
1983.

WHEN I STARTED IN THE YEAR 2000,
IT HAD GONE 17 YEARS WITHOUT
BEEN GIVEN A COST OF LIVING
ADJUSTMENT.

SO THAT HAS LED TO LOSSES IN
TENS OF MILLIONS, MAYBE MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS OF NECESSARY FUNDING
FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND JOB
TRAINING AND JOB CREATION.

THAT SAID, THIS WILL SEEK TO
SORT OF CODIFY ALL OF THAT,
PARTICULARLY THE INCLUSIONARY
DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE ZONING
CODE, ALLOW FOR BOSTON TO
MAINTAIN THEIR ABILITY TO SECURE
PROJECTS AND HAVE SOME MORE
TRANSPARENCY AND MORE
CONSISTENCY WITH IT.

THE MATTER WAS SPONSORED BY
MARTIN J. WALSH, THE HEARING ON
MARCH 26.

WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM FOUR
PANELS AS WELL AS SEVERAL PAGES
OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY FROM MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC AND THESE COMMENTS
FROM ALL OF THOSE THAT WERE
INVOLVED SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS
IMPORTANT TOOL TO SUPPORT OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING JOBS TRUST
AND HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO
CONTINUE TO FUND THESE PROGRAMS
IN ORDER TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE
HOUSING AND QUALITY JOB
CREATION.

BASED UPON THE INFORMATION
GATHERED YESTERDAY, I'M
RECOMMENDING DOCKET NUMBER 0106
REMAIN IN COMMITTEE THROUGH
FURTHER ACTION AND THROUGH THE
CHAIR.

SOMEONE THAT HAS LED THE EFFORT
ON THIS ISSUE, OUR COLLEAGUE
CITY COUNCILLOR LYDIA EDWARDS
MAY HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR

FLAHERTY.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

TO MY COLLEAGUE, MY ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS ARE REALLY THAT THIS IS
A WONDERFUL CONVERSATION.

I FILED ALSO A PETITION ON
LINKAGE.

I THINK THERE'S A WONDERFUL WAY
IN WHICH TO MARRY THE MAYOR'S
PROPOSAL AND MY OWN.

I THINK THE ONLY CONCERNS THAT I
HAD EXPRESSED DURING THAT
HEARING IS THAT WHILE THIS
PROPOSED PETITION FROM THE MAYOR
PROVIDES ADDITIONAL POWERS FOR
THE MAYOR AND ZONING COMMISSION,
I THOUGHT THERE WAS A ROLE THAT
THE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS AND
SHOULD BE A PART OF.

ANY TIME WE EXPAND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE COMMUNITY
CONTROL, THE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS
TO BE ABSOLUTELY INVOLVED.
WHAT THIS PROCESS DOES NOT DO IS
PROVIDE A SPACE FOR THE CITY
COUNCIL.

SO IN VERSION THAT I BELIEVE
THIS BODY SHOULD PASS, WE SHOULD
MAKE SURE THE CITY COUNCIL AND
ROBUST PROCESS FOR RAISING THE
IDP FOR LOOKING AT RAISING
LINKAGE SHOULD BE PART OF THAT
CONVERSATION.

ALSO MAKING SURE THE IDP -- IF
WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT
CHANGING ZONING, IDP BECOMES
PART OF THE ORDINANCE SO IT CAN
BE AMENDED AND PUSH FOR AND LOOK
AT THE IDP PROCESS.

THE 13% THAT KICKS IN AT TEN
UNITS.

ANYBODY CAN DOUBT THAT THESE
PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL TOOLS TO GET MONIES
FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

NOBODY DOUBTS THAT.

I DON'T DON'T THAT.

IF WE HAVE THE CONVERSATION,
LET'S TALK ABOUT ACTUAL MINIMUMS
THAT WE SHOULD BE PUTTING IN.
RIGHT NOW THIS PROPOSED HOME
RULE PETITION DOESN'T HAVE FOR A

SPECIFIC MINIMUM, A SQUARE FOOTAGE.

IT ASKS FOR THE POWER FOR THE MAYOR AND THE ZONING COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THAT MINIMUM TO BE ADJUSTED AS THEY SEE FIT.

I AGREE WITH THAT POWER.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE START AT A MINIMUM SAYING AT LEAST CODIFYING THE CURRENT LINKAGE, \$10 A SQUARE FOOT AND SAY GOING FORWARD WE SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO RAISE THIS.

I WANT TO USE THE WORD RAISE.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THE CITY COUNCIL OR MAYOR REDUCE THE AMOUNT WE GET PER SQUARE FOOT.

THOSE ARE EDITS THAT I THINK ARE NECESSARY THAT AS A BODY, FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A VOICE THAT WE HAVE INCREASED POWER WITH THE MAYOR AND ZONING COMMISSION.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WOULD LIKE 0106 TO REMAIN IN COMMITTEE.

DOCKET NUMBER 0106 WILL REMAIN IN THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0196.

ORDER FOR HEARING TO ANALYZE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS FROM THREATENING SITUATIONS.

>> COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU.

YESTERDAY I HAD HELD A HEARING REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN TO PROTECT SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS FROM THREATENING SITUATIONS.

THE HEARING BEGAN WITH A PRESENTATION FROM BPS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION.

WE WERE JOINED BY KIM PELATRUE FROM THE BPS SAFETY SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY FROM BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CHIEF WESTON, THE BOSTON PUBLIC

SCHOOLS CHIEF, JOHN HANLAN AND BOSTON POLICE SERGEANT DETECTIVE THOMAS SEXTON WHO IS POLICE LIAISON SAFETY COORDINATOR BETWEEN BPS AND THE CITY OF BOSTON, BOSTON METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS PLAY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY SERVICES.

THEIR MISSION AS THEY SHARED YESTERDAY IS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STAFF, STUDENTS AND GUESTS.

THEY WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR STUDENTS ARE BOTH KEPT SAFE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.

I'M THANKFUL FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS, THEIR ATTENDANCE, THEIR PARTICIPATION AND THOROUGH PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL. WHICH INCLUDED SOME CONVERSATION ABOUT THE INVESTMENT THAT WAS MADE DURING OUR LAST FY-19 BUDGET PROCESS TO CREATE A MORE SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

WE TALKED A LOT LAST SCHOOL YEAR ABOUT THE NEED TO IMPROVE DOOR LOCKS, MAKE SURE THAT OUR CLASSROOMS HAVE DOOR LOCKS, THAT THEY'RE REPLACED IF THEY'RE NOT RIGHT, THAT WE HAVE CAMERAS IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES, THAT LIGHTING, FRONT ENTRY TO THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE AND ALL EXTERIOR DOORS REMAIN LOCKED AND TEACHERS AND ADULTS HAVE KEY FOBS IN KEYLESS ENTRY TO ELIMINATE PROPPING OPENING OF DOORS.

SCHOOL SAFETY AUDITS ARE ONGOING ALWAYS.

THE AUDITS ARE BEING CONDUCTED AS WELL AS ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING WITH TEACHERS AND STAFF IN OUR BUILDINGS.

IN A PRESENTATION -- WE SEE A LOT ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE VERY HORRIFYING AND TRAUMATIZING ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS THAT HAPPEN ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE.

THE DRILLS AND THE PRESENTATION THAT THEY'RE DOING IN OUR SCHOOLS IS A LOT LESS INTENSE. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME AS A PARENT THAT WE'RE CONDUCTING THESE PRESENTATIONS AND CONNECTING WITH OUR ADULTS SO THEY HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE EVERY DAY.

SANDY HOOK PROMISE.

DO THEY PARTNER WITH BPS IN PREPARING TO LAUNCH A SAY SOMETHING ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM, A PILOT IN EIGHT SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR IN WHICH KIDS AND FAMILIES AND SCHOOL-BASED ADULTS CAN BE COORDINATED THROUGH THIS APP AND SHARING INFORMATION BOTH LIFE THREATENING AND NONLIFE THREATENING INCIDENTS.

THERE WILL BE A 24/7 SYSTEM THAT WILL TRACK THIS INFORMATION SO THAT ANY INCIDENT, ESPECIALLY LIFE-THREATENING INCIDENT CAN BE RESPONDED TO IMMEDIATELY.

IN ADDITION, WE HEARD ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE BEST CLINICIANS AND OUR ABILITY TO ACCESS THEM, IN PARTICULAR THE BOSTON POLICE SCHOOL POLICE UNIT WOULD LIKE A BEST CLINICIAN THAT IS DECISION NATED TO THEM SO THAT THEY CAN RESPOND AND PARTNERSHIP TO A CRISIS THAT IS HAPPENING AT ANY OF OUR SCHOOLS.

UNFORTUNATELY NOW IF THERE'S A CRISIS AT ANY POINT IN TIME, HALF OF OUR SCHOOLS DON'T HAVE A BEHAVIOR RALEIGH HEALTH SPECIALIST OR MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST ON STAFF.

SO IF THERE'S A CRISIS AT A SCHOOL THAT ACCELERATES QUICKLY, OFTENTIMES THE RESPONSE IS ONLY A POLICE RESPONSE BECAUSE THE KID GOES FROM 0-60 QUICKLY WHEN THEY HAVE AN EMOTIONAL CRISIS.

SO TO ATTACH A BEST CLINICIAN WITH THAT SCHOOL UNIT DURING THE DAY WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RESPONSES ARE BETTER AND HEALTHIER FOR OUR KIDS.

WE DO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT

WE'RE IMPROVING AND CONTINUING TO IMPROVE ON COMMUNICATION REGARDING SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

IT'S STILL DISAPPOINTING TO KNOW THAT SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF THINGS HAPPENING OR SHOULD BE HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS REGARDING THIS.

WE KNOW COMMUNICATION IS KEY, ESPECIALLY IN RE-ASSURING FAMILIES ABOUT STUDENT SAFETY, RE-ASSURING STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR OWN SAFETY AND GETTING THE WORD OUT.

WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT YESTERDAY ABOUT MORE AND MORE KIDS HAVE ACCESS TO CELL PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

SO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, THEY'RE SHARING INFORMATION IN REAL TIME.

MAKING SURE THAT SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE ALSO ABLE TO ACCESS ACCURATE INFORMATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IS REALLY HELPFUL AND WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

WE ALSO -- WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY, WE TALK ABOUT ACTIVE SHOOTER AND SORT OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND VIOLENT RESPONSE.

WE KNOW WE HAVE AN INCREASE IN THE EXPOSURE OUR KIDS ARE HAVING TO USED NEEDLES, ESPECIALLY IN THE PLAY GROUNDS.

WE'VE HAD A FEW INCIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ONE AT ORCHARD GARDEN SCHOOLS. SO THAT TOO IS A QUESTION ABOUT STUDENT SAFETY AND PROTECTING OUR KIDS.

BECAUSE AS UNLIKELY BUT EVER MORE LIKELY AN ACTIVE SHOOTER CASE MIGHT BE IN ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS, KIDS ARE GETTING PRICKED BY NEEDLES.

THAT WAS A CASE JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY OF TWO STUDENTS BEING PRICKED.

YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO THAT.

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE OUR KIDS

ARE SAFE.

WE HAVE SOME MEASURES TO PUT
INTO PLACE TO PROTECT OUR KIDS.

WE HEARD VERY LOUDLY FROM
MEMBERS OF THE ORCHARD GARDENS
UNITED GROUP WHO TESTIFIED ABOUT
THEIR NEED TO HAVE MORE SAFETY
CHECKS DONE, ESPECIALLY ON THE
GROUNDS SURROUNDING THEIR
SCHOOLS.

THEY'VE HAD A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER
OF NEEDLES FOUND IN AND AROUND
THEIR SCHOOL GROUNDS AND ON THE
SCHOOL PLAY GROUNDS.

KIDS ARE NOT USING THE OUTDOOR
SPACE.

KIDS NEED TO GO OUTSIDE AND HAVE
RECESS AND NEED TO USE THE
PARKS.

THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AS WELL AS
THE FIELDS THAT ARE NEXTED TO
THE SCHOOL, THEY CAN'T BECAUSE
THERE'S TOMORROW NEEDLES.

SO HOW DO WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH THEM.

THE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP, THE
TEACHING STAFF, THE CITY STAFF.
SUPPORTING THOSE FAMILIES AND
THAT SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

I LEAK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
THIS CONVERSATION FOLLOWING UP
WITH THE ADVOCATES AND THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ON MEASURES
THAT THEY AGREED TO YESTERDAY.
I THINK COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY FOR
YOUR PARTICIPATION.

COUNCILLOR JANEY.

THERE WAS COUNCILLOR EDWARDS
CAME IN, TOO.

SORRY.

AND I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE AN
INTEREST IN THIS.

I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION AND
THE INDULGEMENT IN MY REMARKS
TODAY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

DOCKET NUMBER 0196 WILL REMAIN
IN THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.
MOVING ON TO MOTIONS, ORDERS AND
RESOLUTIONS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0581,
COUNCILLOR GARRISON OFFERED THE

FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING
REGARDING THE FINANCIAL ABUSE OF
SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN.
FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO
AMEND MY AMENDMENT AND ADD
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AS A
CO-SPONSOR.

>> ANY OBJECTION?

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND
WE'LL UPDATE THE LANGUAGE SO
BOTH OF YOU ARE LISTED.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I FILED THIS ORDER FOR AN ISSUE
THAT I'M AWARE OF FROM RESIDENTS
AND BEING VICE PRESIDENT.
NAMELY THE ABUSE OF SENIORS AND
THE WATCH THEIR ROBBING OF THEIR
RESOURCES.

IT'S BEEN WIDELY REPORTED THAT
SENIOR CITIZENS ARE TAKEN ABUSED
OF, TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY
STRANGERS, CAREGIVERS, FRIENDS
AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON AGING, FINANCIAL
ABUSE OF SENIORS IN THE UNITED
STATES, A LOSS OF \$36.5 BILLION.
I BELIEVE WE CAN REDUCE SENIOR
FINANCIAL ABUSE BY LOOKING AT
THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING LOOP
HOLES AND INCREASING PUNISHMENT
FOR CRIMES AND THE OTHER UNJUST
ABUSE OF CITIZENS.

WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO
PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE.
SENIORS FINANCIAL ABUSE CAUSES.
WE HOLD A HEARING NOW TO DISCUSS
FINANCIAL ABUSE OF SENIOR
CITIZENS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
AND THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING INVESTIGATORY
BUREAU IN THE ELDERLY AFFAIRS
COMMISSION AND PARTNERING WITH
THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF
ELDERLY ABUSE AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROCEDURE

ACTION.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
GARRISON.

COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE?

>> I THANK THE LEAD SPONSOR FOR
ADDING ME AS A CO-SPONSOR.
I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING FROM
COUNCILLOR GARRISON HER
EXPERIENCES AND TAKING WHAT WE
DID IN OUR LAST CALENDAR YEAR
AROUND ELDERLY FRAUD AND ADD
WHAT WE LEARNED DURING THAT TIME
TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK THAT
COUNCILLOR GARRISON DID.

THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY?

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
I TOO WANT TO COMMEND THE MAKER
FOR THIS IMPORTANT HEARING
ORDER.

IT'S SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE
ENTERED INTO LAST YEAR.

WE HAD A HEARING ON ELDER
SCAMMERS.

VERY TIMELY TO FOLLOW UP THAT
HEARING TO SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED
SINCE THEN AND WHAT MORE
PROGRESS WE COULD MAKE ON THIS
ISSUE.

SO PLEASE ADD MY NAME.

HAPPY TO HAVE AN EXPEDITED
HEARING IF IT ENDS UP IN MY
COMMITTEE.

>> YOU'RE GOOD.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD
COUNCILLOR JANEY, COUNCILLOR
FLAHERTY, EDWARDS, FLYNN,
McCARTHY, ZAKIM AS WELL AS THE
CHAIR.

DOCKET NUMBER 0581 WILL BE
ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE OF
SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0582,
COUNCILLOR GARRISON OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING
REGARDING UNREASONABLE AND
EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVELS IN THE
CITY OF BOSTON.

>> COUNCILLOR GARRISON, YOU HAVE
THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

I FILED THIS ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING UNREASONABLE EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVELS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AS IT REGARDS ALL KINDS OF NOISE INCLUDING LOUD CONSTRUCTION WORK AND BLARING MUSIC AND SOUND FROM PARTY.

FESTIVALS, CITY AND NONPERMITTED EVENTS.

I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE HEARD AS I HAVE BEEN ATTENDED MANY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY COMPLAINTS ABOUT UNREASONABLE EXCESSIVE NOISE.

I WOULD HAVE FILED THIS AS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE STANDARDS FOR NOISE IN THE CITY, BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO FILE AN ORDER FOR A HEARING TO

COLLABORATE AND PARTNER WITH MY FELLOW COUNSELORS AND THE PUBLIC TO FIND THE BEST WAY FORWARD.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN UNREASONABLE AND EXCESSIVE NOISE IS A DANGER IN THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC, THIS KIND OF NOISE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME CAN LEAD TO HEARING LOSS, DISRUPT PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, CAUSE SLEEP DISTURBANCE AND CREATE ANXIETY AMONG RESIDENTS.

AS ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

SAFETY AND PEACE AND QUIET OF OUR RESIDENTS.

SO I ASK WE HOLD A HEARING TO AMEND THE CODE STANDARDS FOR NOISE SO AS TO REDUCE UNREASONABLE EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVELS AND TO PARTNER WITH THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION TO WORK FOR SAFETY AND MORE REASONABLE LEVELS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAKER.

IT IMPACTS TWO OF MY NEIGHBORS GREATLY.

THE NORTH END HAS OVERFLOW OF EVERY SINGLE CONCERT, EVERY VENUE AT T.D. GARDEN.

WE'RE FINDING FOLKS COME OVER THERE.

ON AVERAGE, WE EXPERIENCE TWO MILLION TOURISTS A YEAR JUST IN THAT SMALL SQUARE MILE.

WHAT WE'RE FINDING AS PEOPLE SEE AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION.

WHEN THEY WALK THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT IS THE NOISE LEVELS IS OBNOXIOUS AND LOUD.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAKER.

NOT ONLY DOES THIS DISTRICTLY IMPACT THE CITY AS A WHOLE BUT THOSE AREAS NEAR THE LARGER VENUES AND THOSE CONCERT HALLS.

THE OTHER COMPONENT, THE OTHER PART OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTLY IMPACTS, WHICH IS EAST BOSTON.

I'M SURE SOME OF SOUTH BOSTON AND OTHERS THAT HAVE AIRPLANES FLYING OVER THEM.

THIS CONVERSATION SHOULD INVOLVE BOSTON BUT NEEDS TO AGAIN BRING IN MASSPORT TO TALK ABOUT SCHEDULES AND THE FLIGHTS COMING OVER THEM AND HOW LOW THEY WERE.

ESPECIALLY AS YOU RECALL TWO SUMMERS AGO WHEN THEY CHANGED THE FLIGHT PATTEN AND HAD TO FLY OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT SUMMER WAS HORRIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, COUNCILLOR GARRISON.

ADD MY NAME, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD ADD COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, COUNCILLOR CIOMMO, COUNCILLOR

ESSAIBI-GEORGE, FLAHERTY, FLYNN, COUNCILLOR McCARTHY AS WELL AS THE CHAIR.

JUST TO -- COUNCILLOR JANEY AS WELL.

JUST TO THE MAKER OF THE ORDER, IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE NOISE COMPLAINTS IN DISTRICT 4, IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT

POLICE OFFICERS THAT RESPOND TO NOISE COMPLAINTS AND WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING TO MEASURE WHETHER OR NOT THE NOISE IS AT A LEVEL WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY WRITE A TICKET OR ENFORCE, THEY DON'T ACTUALLY CARRY THE DEVICES WITH THEM.

THEY HAVE TO WAIT FOR ISD OR SOMEONE ELSE TO SHOW UP WITH IT, WITH THE TOOLS.

SO THERE'S BEEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW DO WE EQUIP POLICE OFFICERS WITH THE ACTUAL DEVICES SO THAT THEY CAN DO IT AT THE SAME TIME RATHER THAN WAITING FOR ANOTHER DEPARTMENT TO SHOW UP.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADD THAT TO THE CONVERSATION FOR THE HEARING.

THANK YOU.

>> ANYONE ELSE LOOKING TO SPEAK OR ADD THEIR NAME?

>> MADAM CLERK, IF WE COULD PLACE DOCKET NUMBER 0582 IN THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND PARKS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0583, COUNCILLORS O'MALLEY AND CAMPBELL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING ORDER FOR HEARING REGARDING VACANT PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT. TODAY I RISE TO REINTRODUCE A HEARING ORDER THAT WILL EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF VACANCY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. I'M ONCE AGAIN PROUD TO PARTNER WITH MY FRIEND.

SHE'S TAKEN A PARTICULAR APPROACH ON FOCUSING EMPTY LOTS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

I WANTED TO THANK THE COMMITTEE CHAIR, MY COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND FROM SOUTH BOSTON FOR HOSTING OUR FIRST HEARING ON THIS LAST FALL.

VACANT PROPERTIES HAVE MANY CAUSES LIKE A RENT THAT IS TOO HIGH TO KEEP A TENANT, NOT

OFFERING A PROPERTY FOR RENT AT ALL.

WAITING FOR ITS VALUE TO RISE, LARGER LANDLORDS WITH A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO USING LOSSES FROM VACANT SPACE TO REDUCE THEIR TAXES OR EVEN THE CITY'S OWN PERMITTING PROCESS.

WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT NO MATTERED WHAT THE CAUSE IS OR WHERE THE VACANT PROPERTY IS LOCATED, VACANCY CREATES HOLES IN THE FABRIC OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

THIS ONGOING.

DESPITE THE REAL STATE MARKET IS AS STRONG AS IT'S BEEN, SOME BUILDINGS ARE VACANT YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR.

ALL OF US, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US, COULD POINT TO ONE VACANT BUSINESS THAT HAS BEEN THAT WAY FOR SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN PLUS YEARS AND SEEMS COUNTER INTUITIVE WITH THE FACT THAT THE MARKET IS SO STRONG.

THERE CAN BE A MYRIAD OF REASONS WHY.

MANY CITIES ARE DOING NOW AND I'M HOPING BOSTON WILL CONTINUE THIS WORK IS FIGURING OUT STRATEGIES, HOW WCAN COLLECT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THESE, HAVE SOME SORT OF DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR VACANCIES.

TWO, CONSIDER HAVING SOME GOOD CARROTS TO BENEFITS THAT THE CITY CAN OFFER THE LANDLORDS, OFFER THE BUSINESSES TO ACTIVATE THAT SPACE AND THREE, IF NEED BE, LOOK AT THE STICK APPROACH. TALKING OF COURSE A COMMERCIAL VACANCY FEE.

THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT I'M HOPEFUL FOR THAT WE COLLECT ZERO DOLLARS BUT WE USE AS A TOOL TO ACTIVATE THAT SPACE.

THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON, A NEIGHBOR OF OURS, A SMALLER MUNICIPALITY, BUT THE SIZE OF HIDE PARKS OR ROSALYNDALE, INTO YOU EDED A \$400 VACANCY FEES AND THEY HAVE SEEN THEIR BUSINESSES

INCREASE BY 40%.

A REMARKABLE STATISTIC AFTER A YEAR.

THE OTHER THING THAT WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT, IT'S BEEN A SPIRAL EFFECT.

YOU HAVE A LARGE SCALE TENANT THAT REMAINS TENANT.

NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

A BUSINESS CAN SEE THEIR BUSINESS DECLINE BY 25% WHEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ANOTHER STORE FRONT.

SO VACANCIES IN OUR COMMERCIAL DISTRICT CAN BEGAT MORE IN OUR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

WE HAD A WORKING HEARING LAST YEAR.

HOPEFUL THE NEXT STEP WILL BE A WORKING SESSION, PERHAPS ANOTHER HEARING WITH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN AND WE WANT TO INCLUDE DATA COLLECTION, POP-UP PERMITTING AND FINANCIAL CARROTS AND STICKS.

MY DEAR COLLEAGUE, AN ISSUE WITH A VERY LARGE RESTAURANT BUILD-OUT THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON MANY OF US KNOW IT CAN BE A TRICKY BUSINESS.

THE RESTAURANT WAS UNABLE TO GO INTO THIS PLACE.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NOT ONLY AN EYE SORE BUT A MAJOR ANCHOR TENANT THAT REMAINED VACANT. HE WORKED WITH SOME NEIGHBORS AND THEY'RE ON THEIR SECOND BEER GARDEN THERE.

IT'S TERRIFIC AND YOU'RE SEEING AREA BUSINESSES REAP THE BENEFIT OF THAT.

AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS VACANCY INITIATIVE WILL SUCCEED IF WE CAN WORK TOGETHER, HAVE A RANGE OF APPROACHES TO ADDRESS OUR BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT NO TWO BUSINESS DISTRICTS ARE THE SAME.

OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO BE SENSITIVE TO THAT AS WE COME UP WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS GOING FORWARD.

WITH PROPERTY IN HIGH DEMAND,

LETTING THESE AREAS SIT UNUSED
IT'S A DISSERVICE TO THE PEOPLE
IN THE CITY.

WE WANT OUR STORE FRONTS TO BE
FILLED WITH PEOPLE THAT CAN
CONTRIBUTE TO THE VIBRANCY OF
OUR CITY.

IN A GROWING BOSTON 2019, WE
SHOULDN'T HAVE EMPTY STORE
FRONTS.

WE SHOULDN'T HAVE HOMES WITHOUT
PEOPLE AND WE HAVE PEOPLE
WITHOUT HOMES.

LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING
THE CONVERSATION WITH YOU ON
THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.

THANK YOU, MR. VICE PRESIDENT,
FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.

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>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY, FOR CONTINUING TO
PARTNER ON THIS ISSUE AND I ALSO
WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR JANEY
AS WELL.

WE DID A SEPARATE HEARING ORDER
TO FOCUS ON THE VACANT
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AS WELL.

THEY GO HAND AND HAND.

BUT I DO LIKE TAKING PARALLEL
TRACKS TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT
SOLUTIONS AND IDEAS SO THAT
THESE PROPERTIES OR THE
RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL DON'T
REMAIN VACANT.

YOU SUMMED IT UP WELL.

FOR YOU TO BE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD
OR TO LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD AND
TO HAVE TO GO BUY A VACANT
PLIGHTED PROPERTY EVERY DAY IS
UNACCEPTABLE.

WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO NOT DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

IN OUR HEARING LAST YEAR, I WAS
SHOCKED TO LOOK AT THE DATA,
SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CITY-OWNED
PARCELS AND TO LEARN THAT NOT
ONLY WERE THERE SO MANY OF THEM
THAT WERE INACTIVE WHERE
SOMETHING COULD BE BUILT OR THE
SPACE COULD BE ACTIVATED FOR
SOME PURPOSE, OVERWHELMINGLY THE
MAJORITY OF THOSE PARCELS WERE

IN DORCHESTER, MATTAPAN,
DISTRICT 4 AND 5 OR IN ROXBURY
DISTRICT 7.

THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE.

OUT OF THAT CONVERSATION,
RECENTLY HAD AN EVENT THAT WE
CALLED RECLAIMING SPACE WITH
WENTWORTH, FOLKS FROM AMSTERDAM
THAT WERE ACTIVATING SPACE IN
CREATIVE WAYS.

WE DID THIS INCREDIBLE
WORKSHOPS.

PEOPLE CAME UP WITH IDEAS TO
ACTIVATE THESE SPACES.

SO WE'RE THINKING OUTSIDE THE
BOX.

THINKING HOW DO WE ACTIVATE THE
SPACES, BUILD SOMETHING, GET
SOMETHING DONE AND THAT EVENT
COST THE CITY ZERO DOLLARS.

NOW WE HAVE A WEALTH OF IDEAS,
NOT JUST SOME FLUFF PIE IN THE
SKY BUT ACTUAL CONCRETE IDEA
THAT WE COULD DO TO ACTIVATE
THESE SPACES.

I'M EXCITED TO CONTINUE THE
CONVERSATION, PULL IN MY
COLLEAGUES THAT CARE ABOUT THIS.

THIS ISN'T SORT OF A HOUSING
ISSUE OR QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE.

IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE.

WHEN PROPERTIES SIT VACANT, IT
TENDS TO ATTRACT THOSE UP TO NO
GOOD AND SADLY IN MY DIRECT, ONE
OF THE PROPERTIES THAT RESIDENTS
HAD BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT FOR
VERY LONG TIME, WE DIDN'T MOVE
ON DOING ANYTHING UNTIL AFTER
SOMEONE WAS STACKED.

THAT'S TOO LONG.

SO THERE'S OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO
BE PROACTIVE VERSUS REACTIVE.

SO EXCITED FOR THE PARTNERSHIP
AND JOIN MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL.
THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILLOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE
PRESIDENT.

FIRST OF ALL, PLEASE ADD MY
NAME.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT HEARING
ORDER.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE SPONSORS
FOR REFILING THIS.

AS PEOPLE KNOW, I REPRESENT
ROXBURY SOUTH AND FENWAY,
SEVERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS,
DEADLY IN PARTICULAR WHERE I
LIVE IS IN CRISIS.

IF WE WANT TO BE FRANK AND
HONEST, I'D LIKE TO SAY
TRANSITION BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO
BE HOPEFUL ABOUT THE SITUATION.
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF MEDIA
COVERAGE IN THE GLOBE AND HERALD
ON TV IN DEADLY SQUARE AND WHAT
THAT MEANS FOR THE BUSINESSES
TRYING TO HOLD ON IN TERMS OF
THE SPIRAL EFFECT THAT YOU
DESCRIBE.

WE'RE LOSING ASHLEY STEWART,
HALEY HOUSE HAS CLOSED ITS
DOORS.

THANKFULLY JUST TEMPORARILY.
HALEY HOUSE IS AN IMPORTANT
STAPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY.
THERE ARE OTHER STORES THAT ARE
CLOSING.

THE GOOD NEWS IN THIS, ONE, I
WILL COMMEND THE ADMINISTRATION
FOR INVESTMENT.

\$5 MILLION BEING INVESTED INTO
DEADLY SQUARE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BUT THAT IS FOR NOTHING IF WE'RE
NOT HELPING THE SMALL
BUSINESSES.

SO IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF
CREATING JOBS FOR PEOPLE IN THE
COMMUNITY AND THE VIBRANT
DISTRICT, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
THAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE.

I'M OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER
DEADLY WHEN WE HAD BLAIRS AND
WOOLWORTH AND ALL OF THESE
STORES, THIS IS WHERE YOU WENT
TO SHOP.

YOU WENT TO DUDLEY OR DOWNTOWN.
WE DIDN'T HAVE THE STRIP MALLS
AND THESE OTHER PLACES.

NOW IT'S REALLY HARD FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES TO START UP, PERIOD.
IT'S HARD TO START A BUSINESS
BUT TWO TO STAY AFLOAT.

THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT
CONVERSATION.

I THINK THE OTHER GOOD NEWS IN
THIS AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE
THAT WE INCLUDE THE VOICES,

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS.

WHAT I KNOW FOR SURE AND MY LESSONS FROM MY EXPERIENCE LIVING THERE AND BEING AN ORGANIZER THERE, WE CAN'T LOOK TO OTHERS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS FOR US.

WE AS CITY GOVERNMENT HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THOSE ON THE FRONT LINE ARE PART OF THE SOLUTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO DOING MORE TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MAKING SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE VACANCY RATES.

THERE'S BEEN TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT BLACK MARKET TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS.

I HAD A MEETING LAST YEAR CONVENING BUSINESS OWNERS. A RECENT MEETING OF LANDLORDS LAST WEEK CONVENED BY THE DUDLEY MAIN STREET.

THEY ALL NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS CONVERSATION AND OTHER DISTRICTS ACROSS THE CITY BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THESE VIBRANT DISTRICTS THAT WE CARE ABOUT.

THANK YOU AND PLEASE ADD MY NAME.

>> PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR JANEY'S NAME.

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS.

>> THANK YOU.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE MAKERS IN THIS LEADERSHIP AND TO CONVERSATION ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO HIGH-END LIFE.

RIGHT?

LAST YEAR.

I THINK THAT THAT IS PARTICULARLY PERSONAL TO US IN EAST BOSTON WHEN WE'RE DEALING WITH THE LOST HOTEL.

IT LOOKS LIKE A HAUNTED HOUSE. SEVERAL STORIES HOUSE.

WHEN YOU COME DOWN THE HIGHWAY, YOU CAN SEE THE PLASTIC BLOWING FROM THE WINDOWS.

IT'S EMBARRASSING, UGLY AND

OWNED BY FOLKS THAT DON'T LIVE
IN BOSTON AND HAVE NOT FELT THE
NEED TO DO ANYTHING WITH THEIR
PROPERTY.

THEY BOUGHT IT FOR SEVERAL
MILLION DOLLARS, BUT THAT'S THE
HIGH END PARK.

IT WASN'T CHEAP COMING BUT THEY
TREAT IT LIKES IT'S NOTHING AND
A PIECE OF TRASH.

THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING BUT STAND
IN THEIR OWN WAY OF GETTING IN
DONE.

THEY HAVE SEVERAL UP TO PHONE
TOWERS.

ALL OF THIS FINGER POINTING.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL THEY
HAVE TO DO IS TAKE CARE OF THEIR
PROPERTY.

YOU SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR
PROPERTY WHETHER YOU LIVE HERE
OR NOT IN BOSTON.

BUT IT'S A BLIGHT ON EAST BOSTON
TO LOOK AT THAT EVERY DAY.

EVERY TIME WE COME OFF THE
HIGHWAY.

EVERY TIME EVERYBODY COMES IN
BOSTON, IF THEY COME DOWN THE
TUNNEL, THAT IS WHAT IS
WELCOMING THEM THAT.

THIS HUGE HOLLOWED OUT HAUNTED
HOUSE OF A HOTEL.

IT'S A COMBINATION OF
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE A DAILY FEE
ON THIS, ON THOSE OWNERS TO MAKE
SURE IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO
ANYTHING WITH IT, THEY AT LEAST
PAY TO BE A PROBLEM IN BOSTON.

SHOULD NOT BE CHEAP TO HAVE
UGLINESS, SHOULD NOT BE CHEAP TO
HAVE VACANCY.

SHOULD NOT BE CHEAP TO OWN
SOMETHING IN BOSTON AND DO
NOTHING.

WE NEED TO MAKE IT WORTH THEIR
WHILE.

APPARENTLY THE PRIVILEGE TO OWN
SOMETHING IN BOSTON WHICH MANY
PEOPLE CAN'T DO, THE PRIVILEGE
TO HAVE A SMALL BILLS WHICH MOST
PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD, THEY HAVE
NOT TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE DAY.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S A

BLIGHT BUT A DANGER.
AT THE TOP OF THIS PLACE, IT'S
ONE OF THE BEST VIEWING PLACE, I
DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT UP
THERE, BUT MANY RESIDENTS WENT
UP THERE TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS
ON JULY FOURTH.

IT'S ATTRACTING PEOPLE TO HAVE A
GREAT TIME.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SAFE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS HEARING
AND AN ORDINANCE AND REQUIRE
THEM TO PAY TO TREAT OUR
COMMUNITY SO CHEAPLY.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD
NAME?

>> YES.

>> ADD COUNCILLORS EDWARDS
NAMES.

CHAIR RECOGNIZES COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU, MR. VICE CHAIR.
I'LL BE QUICK.

I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY AND COUNCILLOR
CAMPBELL.

I ATTENDED THE HEARINGS LAST
YEAR AND THE WORKING SESSIONS AS
WELL.

IT'S SO IMPORTANT ACTION WE
INCLUDE THE MAIN STREET PEOPLE
AS WELL AS BORDER TRADE PEOPLE.
MAIN STREETS, WE HAVE THREE MAIN
STREETS IN DISTRICTS 5 ALONE, 20
MAIN STREETS ALL TOGETHER.

WE HAVE A PHENOMENAL
RELATIONSHIP.

THEY WORK SO HARD.

SO INCLUDING THEM IN THAT TALK
IS SUPER IMPORTANT.

I KNOW PARTICULARLY THE DISTRICT
5, WE HAVE A LOT OF BUILDINGS
OWN 25, 30, 40, 50 YEARS.

SAME FAMILY, A LOT OF THESE
PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN THERE IN
YEARS.

THEY DON'T CARE.

SO IF IT'S A STICK APPROACH,
IT'S A STICK APPROACH.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE SINGING FROM
THEIR LIFE SAVINGS, OPENING A
NEW STORE IN MY DISTRICT, I WANT
THEM TO HAVE THE BEST
OPPORTUNITY TO STAY ALIVE.

IF IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THIS
CONVERSATION IS SOMETHING THAT
WILL HELP THEM, THEN I'M ALL IN.
I'D LIKE MY NAME ADDED AS WELL.
>> THANK YOU.
PLEASE ADD COUNCILLOR McCARTHY'S
NAME, COUNCILLOR BAKER,
COUNCILLOR SAAB GEORGE,
COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY, COUNCILLOR
FLYNN, COUNCILLOR GARRISON,
COUNCILLOR ZAKIM AND MY NAME AS
WELL.
PLEASE ASSIGN DOCKET NUMBER
0584 --
>> DID YOU GET MY NAME?
>> YEAH.
>> COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY.
>> YEAH, I DID.
AFTER YOU SPOKE.
0584, COMMUNITY OF CITY
NEIGHBORHOODS -- I'M SORRY.
>> GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK AT THE
ROSTRUM, MADAM PRESIDENT.
[LAUGHTER]
>> JUST VERY BRIEFLY, I
NEGLECTED TO MENTION TWO POINTS.
THREE POINTS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT
SUPPORT, PARTNERSHIP ON THIS.
I WANTED TO THANK THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE, JOHN BARROW HAS BEEN
WORKING ON THIS AS WELL.
WOVE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS.
HE'S IN TUNE.
I HOPE WE CAN GET SOMETHING DONE
THIS YEAR.
SECONDLY, JUST SO HAPPENED
YESTERDAY I WALKED AROUND QUINCY
MARKET.
IT'S ALARMING THE NUMBER OF
VACANCIES IN QUINCY MARKET
ACROSS THE STREET FROM HERE
WHICH HAS THE MOST FOOT TRAFFIC
OF ANYPLACE IN BOSTON OUTSIDE
OF, YOU KNOW, BOYLSTON STREET
DURING A RED SOX GAME.
WORKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION,
WE'LL GET IT DONE.
>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR
O'MALLEY.
THANKS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE
WORK OF JOHN BARROS AS WELL.
JUST FOR CLARIFICATION PURPOSES,
DOCKET NUMBER 0583 WILL BE

ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON
CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD AFFAIRS.
MOVING TO PERSONNEL ORDERS.

>> DOCKET NUMBER 0584.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL OFFERED THE
FOLLOWING ORDER.

THE CHAIR SEEKS SUSPENSION OF
THE RULES AND PASSAGE OF DOCKET
NUMBER 0584.

ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.

ALL OPPOSED SAY NEY.

THE AYES HAVE IT.

DOCKET NUMBER 0584 HAS BEEN
PASSED.

I'M MOVING ON TO LATE FILE.

I'VE BEEN INFORMED BY THE CLERK
THAT WE HAVE 1 LATE FILE MATTER,
WHICH IS IN THE ABSENCE OF
OBJECTION WILL BE ADDED TO
TODAY'S AGENDA.

JUST FOR CLARIFICATION, IT'S A
LETTER FROM OUR COLLEAGUE
EXPRESSING SHE WON'T BE HERE
TODAY.

ANY OBJECTIONS?

SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE LATE
FILE MATTER SO ADDED.

MADAM CLERK, IF YOU COULD READ
THE LATE FILE MATTER INTO THE
RECORD.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL MICHELLE WU.
DEAR MADAM CLERK, I'M WRITING TO
LET YOU KNOW THAT I CANNOT
ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE BOSTON
CITY COUNCIL DUE TO A PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED FAMILY COMMITMENT.
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT
ME.

SINCERE

>> I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT YOU WERE HERE.

OKAY.

I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
FORMER SENATOR BILL OWENS IS IN
THE BUILDING.

THANK YOU.

ANYONE HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS AT
THIS TIME?

JUST ONE QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT.

THERE'S A COUNCIL LUNCH RIGHT
AFTER THIS MEETING, SO IF YOU
CAN PROCEED TO THE CURLEY ROOM,
THERE'S A NONPROFIT THAT WILL BE

IN HERE TODAY.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL
YOU HAVE.

I THINK THAT IS IT.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE ALL
GUESTS, COUNSELORS AND STAFF TO
PLEASE RISE AS WE ADJOURN
TODAY'S MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS -- FOR
COUNCILLOR ESSAIBI-GEORGE, LINDA
SHE HAN O'BRIEN.

FOR COUNCILLOR McCARTHY, JIMMY
HUGHES.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE.

(SILENCE)

THANK YOU.

AT THIS TIME THE CHAIR MOVES
THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL ADJOURNS
TODAY IT DOES SO IN MEMORY OF
THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.
WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN
IN THIS CHAMBER AGAIN WEDNESDAY
APRIL 3, 12 NOON.

(VOTING)

THE AYES HAVE IT, THE COUNCIL IS
ADJOURNED.

(GAVEL POUNDING)

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