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>>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.

MY NAME IS CITY COUNCILOR

MICHAEL FLAHERTY.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS

DOCKET 0315.

IT IS AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING

EQUITABLE REGULATION OF THE

CANNABIS INDUSTRY IN BOSTON.

THIS WAS SPONSORED BY KIM JANEY.

THIS ORDINANCE SEEKS TO

ESTABLISH EQUITABLE REGULATION

OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY.

THE PROPOSAL LOOKS TO ESTABLISH

THE QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR

EQUITY APPLICANTS.

THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE OUTLINES

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL

CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT

APPLICANTS.

AS CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A

MOMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS

HEARING IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO

DISCUSS THE LEGALIZATION OF

MARIJUANA CANNABIS.

THAT DEBATE HAS ALREADY

HAPPENED, AND THE RESULTS WERE

AT THE BALLOT BOX ON NOVEMBER

8th, 2016.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS

TO DISCUSS DOCKET 0315.

TODAY, WE'LL HAVE THREE PANELS

AND A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOKING TO

SUBMIT PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

I'LL HAVE TO BE KIND OF KEEPING

AN EYE ON THE CLOCK CAN AND

ENFORCING TIME LIMITS IF

POSSIBLE.

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ON BOSTON CITY COUNCIL TV

ONLINE.

IT IS BEING RECORDED AND WILL BE

BROADCAST ON COMCAST CHANNEL 8,

RCN CHANNEL 82, AND VERIZON 64.

I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE

RECORD A LETTER FROM OUR

COLLEAGUE AND CITY COUNCIL

PRESIDENT, ANDREA CAMPBELL.

DEAR COLLEAGUES, I'M NOT ABLE TO

ATTEND TODAY'S HEARING.

I THANK COUNCILOR JANEY FOR HER WORK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER AND MY COLLEAGUES ON NEXT STEPS TO ENSURE EQUITY IN THIS INDUSTRY AND WILL REVIEW ALL THE WRITTEN MATERIALS AND TAPES ON THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE A COUPLE FORMER COLLEAGUES THAT ARE IN THE AUDIENCE.

I SAW COUNCILOR TITO JACKSON IS HERE.

WHERE DID TITO GO?

HE'S HERE.

A FORMER STATE SENATOR FROM EAST BOSTON IS HERE.

I SAW ANTHONY AS WELL.

A FORMER COLLEAGUE WILL ALSO BE LEADING THE FIRST PANEL IS

FORMER CITY COUNCILOR MIKE ROSS.

WE'RE JOINED BY ED FLYNN, FRANK BAKER, MARK CIOMMO.

WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE LEAD SPONSOR, KIM JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. CHAIR.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK OUR PANELISTS AND ALL OF THE

ACTIVISTS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS CONVERSATION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

YOUR INPUT HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL AND IMPORTANT IN DEVELOPING THIS ORDINANCE.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ENGAGING IN THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT THE NEED FOR GREATER EQUITY.

I HOPE WE'LL BE ABLE TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIPS AND IMPLEMENT THIS LEGISLATION.

AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS INDUSTRY IS HERE.

AND IT HAS ALREADY GENERATED \$54 MILLION ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH SINCE SALES BEGAN IN NOVEMBER.

62% OF BOSTON VOTERS SUPPORTED LEGALIZATION AS THE CHAIRMAN HAS ALREADY NOTED AS WELL AS THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE QUESTION NOW BECOMES WHO WILL BENEFIT.

WHO WILL HAVE THE CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO GET INTO THE INDUSTRY?

WILL IT BE THOSE WHO ARE HARMED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS OR WILL IT BE THOSE WHO HAD A HEAD START?

WILL IT BE LOCAL BUSINESSES OR LARGE FIRMS FROM OUT OF STATE?

WE HAVE HEARD REPEATEDLY THE NEED FOR CLARITY, THE NEED FOR CAPITAL AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TO BE AVAILABLE, AND THE NEED FOR GREATER INTENTIONAL FOCUS ON EQUITY.

WITH THIS ORDINANCE, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS.

WE CAN ESTABLISH FAIRNESS, EQUITY, AND JUSTICE IN THIS RAPIDLY EMERGING INDUSTRY.

IF THE PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP DURING PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS ARE NOW LOCKED OUT FROM MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN THIS INDUSTRY, THEN WE WILL HAVE MISSED THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT INJUSTICES OF THE PAST.

I BELIEVE THAT CREATING A CITY LEVEL EQUITY PROGRAM IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT WE DO THIS RIGHT.

CREATING A TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF PRIORITY FOR EQUITY APPLICANTS TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES WILL MAKE SURE THAT EQUITY REMAINS ESSENTIAL FOCUS OF THE CANNABIS REGULATION IN BOTH THE SHORT TERM AND THE LONG TERM.

WHILE THE EQUITY PROGRAM IS CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT, IT IS NOT THE ONLY THING ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS ORDINANCE.

WE WOULD CREATE A BOARD, ADDING MORE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY INTO THE PROGRESS.

PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE BOARD AS WELL AS SOMEONE INCARCERATED BY CANNABIS USE.

THIS ORDINANCE PROMOTES
TRANSPARENCY BY OFFICIALLY
SETTING OUT CRITERIA FOR THE
REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS BY THE
BOARD IN CREATING A PUBLIC
REGISTER TO ENSURE THAT
INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANTS AND
BUSINESSES IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE
PUBLIC.

TO ADDRESS THE BAN ON FEDERAL
FUNDS AND SUPPORTING ANYTHING
RELATED TO CANNABIS, THE
ORDINANCE WOULD DIRECT ALL FEES
AND TAXES COLLECTED TO A
SPECIFIC FUND TO CREATE THE
EQUITY PROGRAM TO -- TO PAY THE
BOARD FOR THE BOARD'S
ADMINISTRATIONS.

IN CONCLUSION, THIS ORDINANCE
ENSURES EQUITY, CLARITY,
TRANSPARENCY, AND
ACCOUNTABILITY.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND I
LOOK FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE
HEARING.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANY OTHER COLLEAGUES HAVE AN
OPENING?

COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

THANK YOU TO COUNCILOR JANEY FOR
HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT
ISSUE.

HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND
SEVERAL OF THE WORKING SESSIONS
RECENTLY AND LEARNED A LOT FROM
MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE INTERESTED
IN THIS FIELD, BUT WHAT I
LEARNED MOSTLY WAS BECAUSE A LOT
OF BANKS WILL NOT FUND THIS
INDUSTRY, IT'S A HUGE
DISADVANTAGE TO SMALL BUSINESS
OWNERS THAT DON'T HAVE THE
CAPITAL TO PURSUE THIS NEW
INDUSTRY.

AND I AGREE WITH COUNCILOR
JANEY.

I'D LOVE TO SEE SOME TYPE OF
PROGRAM WHERE IF YOU WERE
AWARDED A LICENSE, THAT A
CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OR A CERTAIN
FEE WOULD GO INTO A BANK THAT
COULD HELP FUND SMALL BUSINESS
OWNERS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF

COLOR OR WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESSES
SO THEY HAVE THE CAPITAL
NECESSARY TO OPEN A BUSINESS.
I THINK IT IS ALMOST A
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE THAT
DO HAVE A LICENSE TO MAKE SURE
THAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ALSO
BENEFIT IN THIS GROWING INDUSTRY
AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ALSO
ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
NEW INDUSTRY AS WELL, SO THAT'S
WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO
HEARING ABOUT IS HOW WE CAN MAKE
SURE THAT CAPITAL IS AVAILABLE
TO POTENTIALLY WOMAN-OWNED
BUSINESSES AND BUSINESSES OWNED
BY THOSE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF
COLOR AND VETERAN-OWNED
BUSINESSES AS WELL.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO LEARNING
MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN DO THIS.
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
I RECOGNIZE COUNCILOR ZAKIM.

>> I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR
JANEY FOR NOT ONLY DRAFTING THIS
THOUGHTFUL AND EXPANIVE PIECE
OF LEGISLATION.

IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT THAT
BOSTON LEAD ON THE ISSUE OF
EQUITY WHEN IT COMES TO THIS NEW
INDUSTRY.

AS I SAID WHEN THIS BILL WAS
INTRODUCED, THIS IS A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON AND ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH, BUT WE'LL FOCUS ON
WHAT WE CAN DO HERE IN THE CITY
OF BOSTON TO WORK TO ADDRESS
LONG-STANDING ISSUES OF EQUITY
IN OUR SOCIETY.

VERY SELDOM -- AND I WOULD SAY
PROBABLY BACK 100 YEARS NOW --
WAS THE LAST TIME A PREVIOUSLY
LEGAL INDUSTRY WAS OPEN AND
REGULATED IN THIS COUNTRY.

WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY
TO DO THIS RIGHT, AND WE NEED TO
ACT FAIRLY QUICKLY HERE AS WE
KNOW THAT PEOPLE ACROSS THE
COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH ARE COMING HERE TO
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO OPEN THESE
DISPENSARIES.

I THINK HARDLY A WEEK GOES BY
WHERE ANOTHER APPLICANT DOES NOT
TALK ABOUT OPENING ONE IN
DISTRICT 8, WHICH I REPRESENT,
AND THAT'S GREAT.

I LOVE TO SEE THE ENERGY AROUND
THIS, BUT WE NEED TO BE
THOUGHTFUL.

WE NEED TO BE DELIBERATE.
THAT INCLUDES SETTING UP A
SYSTEM OF PREDICTABILITY FOR ALL
APPLICANTS, BUT ALSO MAKING SURE
WE DO WHAT WE CAN.

WE HAVE BEEN UNIQUELY GRANTED
THROUGH THIS STATE LAW TO MAKE
REAL STRIDES TOWARD EQUITY IN
THIS INDUSTRY.

NOT JUST IN THIS INDUSTRY BUT
THE \$54 MILLION IN JUST A FEW
MONTHS IS OUTSTANDING.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN BOSTON
IS GOING TO BE MANY TIMES THAT,
AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE
REALLY BEING DELIBERATE ABOUT
HOW THAT BENEFIT GETS SPREAD
MOST WIDELY SO WE CAN ADDRESS
THE INJUSTICES AND INEQUITY FOR
GENERATIONS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM
MIKE ROSS AND OTHERS HERE IN THE
AUDIENCE.

I WANT TO AGAIN THANK COUNCILOR
JANEY FOR THIS DOING.

IT IS NOT AN EASY BILL TO DRAFT
AND FILE.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR
HOLDING THIS HEARING.

>> COUNCILOR CIOMMO, ANY OPENING
COMMENTS?

>> NO.

>> COUNCILOR BAKER, ANY OPENING
COMMENTS?

>> YES.

COUNCILOR JANEY, THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LEGISLATION HERE.

I'M GLAD WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
THIS SUBJECT, BUT I THINK WE
NEED TO BROADEN WHAT WE TALK
ABOUT WHEN WE'RE HERE BECAUSE TO
TALK ABOUT LIFTING COMMUNITIES
UP -- COMMUNITIES AREN'T GOING
TO BE LIFTED UP BY DISPENSARIES.
DISPENSARIES ARE BASICALLY
MORE -- IF YOU EQUATE THEM WITH

LIQUOR STORES.

I THINK WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS TALK HERE IS HOW DO WE CREATE GREEN ZONES, AND WITHIN THOSE GREEN ZONES, THE AUXILIARY BUSINESSES THAT ARE HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THE MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, WHETHER IT IS GROWTH OR MANUFACTURING, HOW DO WE GET ALL THOSE BUSINESSES HERE TO OUR COMMUNITIES THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM THEM.

AGAIN, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE TALK WHERE WE END UP WITH THIS. ONE THING THAT SHOULD HAPPEN THOUGH IN THOSE GREEN ZONES IS WE NEED TO START TALKING ABOUT CONSUMPTION CAFES.

A CONSUMPTION CAFE CAN REALLY DRIVE AN ECONOMY IF WE'RE OPEN TO IT.

IF COMMUNITIES ARE OPEN TO IT WITHIN THESE GREEN ZONES -- WHEN WE WENT TO DENVER, THEY WERE PROMOTING DENVER AS A GREEN DESTINATION.

THERE'S NO PLACE TO SMOKE. IT'S NOT A GREEN DESTINATION IF YOU CAN'T SMOKE COMFORTABLY LIKE AN ADULT.

SO, THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD BE OPEN TO.

CONSUMPTION CAFES WOULD DRIVE A RESTAURANT ECONOMY, WOULD GET PEOPLE ON THE STREET AND SPENDING DOLLARS IN AREAS THAT COULD USE IT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR BAKER. WE'VE ALSO BEEN JOINED BY CITY COUNCILOR MICHELLE WU WHO IS WAVING.

GOOD MORNING, MICHAEL.

WELCOME ATTORNEY, MICHAEL ROSS. IF YOU CAN STATE YOUR TURN AND AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD.

I ASKED YOU TO PRESENT FIRST.

I KNOW YOU HAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO HELP FRAME WHAT THE CITY IS LOOKING TO DO, WHAT THE STATE ALLOWS, WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS LOOKING TO DO, WHAT OTHER CITIES ARE LOOKING TO DO.

I KNOW YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT CAPITULATES ALL THAT, SO WELCOME.

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IN THIS, AND YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

>> THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND GOOD MORNING COUNCILOR JANEY AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO BE HERE AND GREAT TO BE BACK.

YOU'VE ASKED ME, MR. CHAIR, TO BE HERE IN MY CAPACITY AS A FORMER CITY COUNCILOR AND AS AN ACTIVE ATTORNEY PRACTICING WITHIN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE SO IT MAY HELP WITH YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH AND INTERPRETING THE VARIOUS STATE AND LOCAL STATUTES, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO CANNABIS SINCE THE INDUSTRY ARRIVED IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND I THINK I CAN HELP PROVIDE SOME INFORMED OBSERVATIONS AS YOU CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLICIES FOR BOSTON AS WELL AS OFFER SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE COUNCIL MAY WANT TO CONSIDER.

LET ME START WITH THE VERY LEGITIMATE REASON FOR THIS ORDINANCE IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE OBVIOUS LACK OF DIVERSITY WITHIN THE INDUSTRY.

AT THE STATE LEVEL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPLICATION PERIOD ONLY LASTED FOR TWO WEEKS.

THAT PERIOD WAS FROM APRIL 2nd TO APRIL 16th OF 2018.

IF YOU HAPPENED TO APPLY DURING THAT PERIOD, YOU WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPLICANT.

OF THOSE APPLICANT DURING THAT TWO-WEEK PERIOD, ONLY 123 PEOPLE WERE CERTIFIED AS APPLICANTS.

TO START, THE STATE POOL WAS

EXTREMELY LOW.
IT'S NO LONGER OPEN.
PEOPLE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TODAY TO
APPLY TO BECOME ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT APPLICANTS.
THAT'S WHY THE WORK THAT YOU'RE
DOING HERE AND OTHER CITIES ARE
DOING HERE IS SO IMPORTANT,
BECAUSE IN LIEU OF THIS PROGRAM
AT THE STATE LEVEL IT IS
IMPORTANT FOR CITIES TO STEP UP
AND CREATE THEIR OWN PROGRAMS.
AND CITIES HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP
TO CREATE THEIR OWN PROGRAMS.
THIS IS THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE'S
ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES
PRIORITY APPLICANTS ACCESS TO
THE PROGRAM IN THE EVENT THEY
ARE AN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
APPLICANT BUT ALSO IN THE EVENT
THEY MEET THE CRITERIA OF AN
ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPLICANT
BECAUSE, OF COURSE, THERE'S ONLY
123 PEOPLE.
THIS IS SOMERVILLE'S ORDINANCE.
THIS IS YOUR ORDINANCE RIGHT
HERE.
THIS IS THE CRITERIA YOU ARE
BASING APPLICANTS TO BE PART OF
THE BOSTON EQUITY PROGRAM.
IN YOUR FLIP CHARTS, I DON'T
HAVE ALL THE SLIDES BECAUSE I
PUT THE RELEVANT ONES IN THERE.
YOU CAN FOLLOW ALONG ON THE
SCREEN, BUT I ALSO GAVE YOU SOME
PRINT OUT OF THAT.
I COMPARED THE BOSTON EQUITY
APPLICANT CRITERIA NEXT TO --
THAT'S ON THE LEFT.
ON THE RIGHT IS THE STATE
CRITERIA.
THE BOSTON CRITERIA IS CHOOSING
THREE OF FIVE CRITERIA.
THE STATE CRITERIA SAYS CHOOSE
THREE OF SIX CRITERIA.
NOW, SOME OF THESE CRITERIAS
LINE UP DIRECTLY.
FOR EXAMPLE, THE MAJORITY
OWNERSHIP BELONG TO THE PEOPLE
WHO HAVE LIVED IN THIS AREA OF
DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT AS WELL
AS OBVIOUSLY THE MAJORITY IMPACT
OF INDIVIDUALS BEING BLACK,
AFRICAN-AMERICAN, HISPANIC, OR

LATINO.

THOSE COME DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPLICATION, AND THEY'RE ON YOUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY.

THE OTHER ITEMS COME FROM A DIFFERENT STATE PROGRAM CALLED THE SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM.

THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS IN EFFECT TODAY.

IT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE AND FEE RELIEF AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPLICANTS, AND THOSE CRITERIA HAVE ALSO MADE THEIR WAY INTO THE CRITERIA OF THE PROPOSED BOSTON ORDINANCE.

BASICALLY, THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME 30% BELOW FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF POSSESSION.

LET ME POINT OUT THAT'S A CONVICTION, NOT AN ARREST.

THEN THERE ARE THESE GREEN ITEMS TO THE RIGHT THAT ARE STILL PART OF THE CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT CRITERIA THAT DID NOT MAKE THEIR WAY INTO THE BOSTON ORDINANCE.

THOSE ARE THE MAJORITY OWNERSHIP IS COMPROMISED OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT, THAT 31% OF EMPLOYEES ARE SUBCONTRACTORS THAT LIVE IN AREAS OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT, THAT THEY HAVE DRUG RELATED QUERIES, AND ANOTHER CATCH-ALL ITEM THERE AS WELL.

MY FIRST RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL WOULD BE TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT ARE IN THE STATE LEGISLATION.

LET ME JUST UNPACK THIS ISSUE OF AREA OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT. TO FIND OUT WHAT AN AREA OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT IS, YOU GO TO THE CCC'S WEBSITE, AND IT LISTS ALL THESE CENSUS TRACTS. LISTED LIKE THIS, IT IS ALMOST M

POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO APPRECIATE
WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

OVER THE WEEKEND, I MAPPED IT TO
THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THIS IS ACTUALLY WHAT IT LOOKS
LIKE.

YOU CAN SEE THIS IS THE OFFICIAL
AREAS OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT
AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CCC, BUT
RIGHT AWAY YOU MIGHT NOTICE SOME
THINGS HERE THAT DON'T MAKE A
LOT OF SENSE.

THE FIRST AND FOREMOST, THERE'S
HARBOR ISLANDS, MT. HOPE
CEMETERY, THE MUDDY RIVER,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY BUSINESS
SCHOOL, AND THE HIGHWAY OVER
THERE.

ALL OF THOSE AREAS HAVE BEEN
INCLUDED WITHIN THIS AREA OF
DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT.

CLEARLY, THAT'S NOT AN
APPROPRIATE MAP, SO I JUST
PULLED THEM OFF THAT MAP.

LET ME JUST SAY THERE'S NO ONE,
I THINK, MORE PREPARED TO HANDLE
IDENTIFYING THESE AREAS THAN THE
PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, YOU THE
CITY COUNCILORS, AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE TO IDENTIFY THIS MAP.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT
THIS MAP AND MAKE SURE YOU GET
IT RIGHT IN THE ORDINANCE.

YOU ALSO MIGHT WANT TO INCLUDE
MEDIAN INCOME THRESHOLDS AND
TAKE A LOOK AT AREAS THAT ARE
BELOW MEDIAN INCOME AND INCLUDE
THAT WITHIN THE MAP.

IF I OVERLAY THOSE CENSUS TRACTS
ON TOP OF THE AREAS OF MEDIAN
INCOME, YOU'LL FIND THAT THERE
ARE FEW AREAS THAT ARE ACTUALLY
IN AREAS ABOVE MEDIAN INCOME.

THOSE THREE CENSUS TRACTS.

I DON'T THINK YOU NECESSARILY DO
OR WANT THAT IN THERE, SO I JUST
REMOVED THOSE RIGHT THERE.

THE PURPLE REPRESENTS AREAS
BELOW.

THE GREEN REPRESENTS AREAS
ABOVE.

THEN THERE ARE AREAS OF
OBVIOUS -- THAT ARE WELL BELOW

AREAS OF MEDIAN INCOME, AND I IDENTIFIED THEM THERE. IN THE END, THE MAP YOU COME UP WITH MAY VERY WELL LOOK DIFFERENT THAN THE CURRENT MAP THAT'S ON THE STATE WEBSITE. THAT'S ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION IS YOU MAY WANT TO EXPAND THE MAP AND TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. THERE'S OTHER CRITERIA HERE THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT. PERSONALLY, I REPRESENT SOME CLIENTS WHO ARE COMING OUT OF DORCHESTER, VIETNAMESE DORCHESTER AND CHINATOWN. WHILE NOT NECESSARILY THE TARGET OF THE WAR ON DRUGS HERE IN BOSTON, THERE MAY OR MAY NOT BE DATA YOU WANT TO LOOK AT AS TO HOW THE ASIAN COMMUNITY AND THOSE COMMUNITIES WERE AFFECTED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER ADDING ASIAN PERSONS TO THAT CRITERIA. HERE, THIS IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH INCLUDES A GRANDFATHERING LANGUAGE SO IF YOU APPLIED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, YOU'RE NOT WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE. I THINK THAT'S GOOD PUBLIC POLICY. YOU HAVE TO DO THAT. IT HAS TO COMPLY WITH LAW. I WOULD JUST POINT OUT THAT THE APPLICATION PROCESS THAT EXISTS TODAY, THE FILING WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES WAS NOT THE APPLICATION PROCESS THAT EXISTED FOR A NUMBER OF APPLICANTS BEFORE THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS IS A LETTER FROM THE BOSTON CLERK REFLECTING THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE ON A LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY LETTERS OF NONOPPOSITION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE ISSUED SHOULD CERTAINLY BE GRANDFATHERED BY THIS ORDINANCE AND ANY OTHER CRITERIA TO OPEN, SUCH AS HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS OR OTHER

NECESSARY CRITERIA, TO BE AFFORDED TO THEM, SO THAT'S ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION. GRANDFATHER THE EARLY APPLICANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WERE APPROVED BY THIS BODY. TO THAT MATTER, THERE'S STATE LEGISLATION.

I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE WEEDS ON THIS.

THIS IS CHAPTER 94-G, SECTION 3-A 1.I.

IF SOMEONE WAS AN EXISTING MEDICAL OPERATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY, NO ORDINANCE CAN PREVENT THAT EXISTING MEDICAL OPERATOR FROM CONVERTING UNLESS FOR SOME REASON THEY'VE MADE OTHER AGREEMENTS TO THAT. BUT BY ORDINANCE, IT CANNOT PREVENT SOMEONE FROM MAKING THAT CONVERSION.

I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS FULLY COMPLIES WITH STATE LAW, THIS ORDINANCE.

AS YOU ALWAYS DO IN THIS BODY, YOU LOOK AT OTHER CITIES AND STATES FOR MAYBE SOME GUIDANCE.

THIS IS THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

THEY HAVE SOME THINGS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THEIR OFFICE.

IF YOU WILL OWN AT LEAST 40% OF THE BUSINESS AND ARE THE CEO OF THE COMPANY, THEN YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EQUITY APPLICATION.

THE COUNCIL MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THOSE DEFINITIONS.

ALSO, THEY HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED, NOT JUST CONVICTED.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED. THEY LOSE THEIR HOMES.

THEY GET THROWN OUT OF SCHOOLS. THEY GET THROWN OUT OF THEIR JOBS.

SOMETIMES BEING ARRESTED CAN BE ALMOST AS BAD AS BEING CONVICTED.

IT'S SOMETHING THAT SAN FRANCISCO HAS INCLUDED IN THEIR ORDINANCE.

IT'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO

LOOK AT.

AND THEN, YOU HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITIES IN BOSTON THAT HAVE BEEN GENTRIFIED.

SAN FRANCISCO WENT ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1971 TO LOOK AT THOSE COMMUNITIES.

MISSION HILL IS NOT AN AREA OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED FOR GENERATIONS IN MISSION HILL WITHIN THAT AREA.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO EXPAND THAT AS WELL.

I'M ROUNDING THIRD AND HEADING HOME HERE.

THIS IS THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE RIGHT HERE, AND SOMETHING THAT THEY DID THAT WAS INTERESTING, THEY HAVE A BUFFER ZONE SIMILAR TO THE HALF MILE ZONE, MR.

CHAIR, YOU ARE VERY ACTIVE IN CREATING.

THEY ALLOW EQUITY APPLICANTS AND ALLOW SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS.

THEY ALLOW BOTH OF THOSE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TO PERMEATE THAT BUFFER WITHIN THE 1800.

>> CAN YOU REPEAT THAT, MICHAEL?

>> THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE HAS AN 1800 FOOT BUFFER WITHIN THEIR ORDINANCE.

EVERYONE MUST COMPLY WITH IT.

HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE AN EQUITY APPLICANT OR A SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT, YOU CAN GO WITHIN THAT BUFFER.

THAT'S THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

THAT'S A RECOMMENDATION.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES FOR EQUITY APPLICANTS OR SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANTS OR THE PEOPLE YOU'RE DEEMING AS EQUITY APPLICANTS.

THIS IS THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE AGAIN.

I SHOWED IT TO YOU EARLIER.

THIS SAYS YOU ONLY NEED ONE OF THE CRITERIA TO COMPLY WITH THERE PRIORITY APPLICATION.

FOR SOMERVILLE, THEY SAID IF IT IS A SOMERVILLE RESIDENT, IF THEY OWN 51% OF THE ENTITY, THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN

PRIORITY APPLICATIONS.

BOSTON MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER ALLOWING AND MAKING IT EASIER FOR ANY BOSTON RESIDENT TO APPLY IF YOU'VE LIVED IN BOSTON FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS.

SOMERVILLE DECIDED TO DO THAT. AND THEN THIS IS JUST SOME HYPOTHETICALS.

I THINK THERE ARE PROBABLY PEOPLE YOU DON'T WANT TO EXCLUDE FROM THIS POLICY FOR THE -- TO GET INTO THE INDUSTRY.

I CREATED THESE HYPOTHETICALS OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT, UNDER THE ORDINANCE, BE ALLOWED IN UNDER THE DEFINITION AS IT IS CURRENTLY WIN.

THIS WOULD BE A PERSON OF COLOR WHO OWNS 40% OF THE BUSINESS AND LIVES INSIDE OF THE ONE OF THE AREAS OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT AND EARNS BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE, WHICH FOR A PERSON OF ONE IS AROUND \$50,000, AND IS A RESIDENT OF BOSTON FOR FIVE YEARS.

THAT PERSON WOULD BE ALLOWED IN. A PERSON OF COLOR WHO OWNS 100% OF THE BUSINESS BUT LIVES OUTSIDE THE AREA OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT BUT EARNS ABOVE \$50,000 AND LIVES IN BOSTON WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN.

SAY AN ALL-WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS, AN ALL-WOMEN MANAGED BUSINESS WHERE 40% OF WOMEN ARE WOMEN OF COLOR ALL EARNING BELOW \$50,000, THEY WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN.

I THINK EXPANDING THE CRITERIA WOULD ALLOW THESE PEOPLE IN AND OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL.

I'VE SUMMARIZED THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THERE ARE TEN, AND I HAVE PROVIDED YOU A SYNOPSIS OF THE PRESENTATION.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MICHAEL. [OFF MIC].

THE CRITERION TO BE A BOSTON EQUITY APPLICANT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT. WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

>> BOSTON IS UNIQUE TO ITSELF.
BOSTON HAS TO HAVE ITS OWN
CRITERIA.

LOOKING AT SOME OF THESE OTHER
CRITERIA, INCLUDING THE STATE,
AND LOOKING AT SOME OF THE OTHER
CITIES MIGHT CREATE A THOUGHT
PROCESS THAT WOULD EXPAND IT A
BIT FOR BOSTON, IF THAT'S THE
GOAL.

IF THAT'S THE DESIRE.

IT WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF
INCLUDING MORE PEOPLE INTO THE
POOL, AND YOU CAN STILL CREATE
THESE RESTRICTIONS, BUT
BORROWING FROM WHAT THE STATE
HAS AND WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES
HAVE YOU COULD BROADEN IN.

IN THIS CITY, YOU MIGHT HAVE
SOMEONE WHO IS AWFULLY CLOSE TO
SOME OF THE CRITERIA IDENTIFIED,
BUT THEY WOULDN'T MAKE IT.

THERE ARE OTHER CRITERIA THAT
WOULD ALLOW YOU TO CONSIDER
THOSE FOLKS WITH OTHER CRITERIA,
BUT I FEAR THAT YOU WOULD FALL
TOO FAR BELOW IN THE SCORING
SYSTEM, AND YOU WOULDN'T MAKE IT
TO ONE OF THOSE LICENSES.

>> I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT WE
FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT EASY FOR
BOSTON RESIDENTS TO APPLY AND TO
QUALIFY.

I APPRECIATE THE MAPS, BREAKING
IT DOWN FOR MY COUNCIL
COLLEAGUES IN TERMS OF WHERE ARE
THOSE AREAS.

I CONCUR WITH THE CHAIR RESPECT
TO THE ASIAN COMMUNITY.

THAT SMALL PORTION OF CHINATOWN,
A LOT OF CHINESE KIDS WENT TO
JAIL DURING THE WAR ON DRUGS AS
WELL AS VIETNAMESE.

THERE ARE SOME THAT HAVE REACHED
OUT TO THE CHAIR SAYING THEY'RE
OKAY WITH POSSESSION.

THEY'RE OKAY WITH POSSESSION
WITH INTENT SO THE TRAFFICKING
AND THE MANUFACTURING IS A
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL NOT
JUST IN MARIJUANA BUT IN COCAINE
AND HEROIN AND STUFF LIKE THAT.
ANY THOUGHTS ON SORT OF THE
TRAFFICKING AND MANUFACTURING

PORTION OF WHAT QUALIFIES?

>> I THINK POSSESSION AND THE ARRESTS THAT WERE MADE IN THE 70s, 80s -- THE CCC HAS DONE AN AMAZING JOB AND THE COMMISSIONERS IN OF BREAKING DOWN -- THERE'S A GREAT POWERPOINT ONLINE THAT YOU CAN LOOK AT.

THE NUMBER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO PEOPLE WHO WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY ARRESTED CONTRARY TO THE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE MAKEUP IN THE COMMUNITY IS VERY, VERY DISTURBING.

IT IS SHOWN GRAPHICALLY DATA FORMAT ON THEIR WEBSITE, AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO LOOK AT IT.

THERE ARE OTHER CRIMES THAT GO BEYOND WHAT MOST PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR.

MOST PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR -- IT WASN'T TRAFFICKING THEY WERE ARRESTED FOR.

A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR JUST SIMPLE POSSESSION.

THEY HAD THEIR LIVES RUINED AND THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS CREATED AND A LOT OF THAT, SO I DON'T THINK THE INTENT IS TO GET INTO BIG, BIG TRAFFICKERS WHO ARE CROSSING STATE LINES AND POSSIBLY INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. I THINK THE INTENT IS TO GET TO PEOPLE WHO WERE UNFAIRLY TREATED DURING THE WAR ON DRUGS, BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERTS WELL BEYOND ME ON THOSE SUBJECTS, AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK THERE AT THE CCC'S WEBSITE.

>> COUNCILOR RECOGNIZES COUNCILOR JANEY.

ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME?

>> WE SHOULD NOTE ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING, BUT SHE IS UNDER THE WEATHER AND NOT FEELING WELL, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

YOU MENTIONED RESTRICTIONS WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THIS AS

OPPORTUNITIES, NOT RESTRICTIONS,
SO OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE WAR ON
DRUGS.

I APPRECIATE YOUR POWERPOINT AND
YOUR THOUGHTFUL TESTIMONY.

I WANTED TO COME BACK TO
SOMETHING YOU MENTIONED AROUND
EMPLOYEES.

YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW THE
STATE RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES.

CAN YOU TALK MORE ABOUT THAT?

>> YEAH.

THE STATE GUIDELINES IDENTIFY
EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS THAT
COMPANIES CAN HIRE THAT IF THEY
HAVE A MAKEUP OF 50% OF MORE OF
PEOPLE OF COLOR OR IF THEY'RE
MINORITY-OWNED OR WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESSES, THAT THAT WOULD BE A
CRITERIA THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE
BROUGHT IN TO CREATE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE TO
APPLY.

I KNOW OF IN BOSTON SECURITY
FIRMS THAT ARE OPENING THAT ARE
MINORITY-OWNED RUN, WOMEN-OWNED
RUN DELIBERATELY BECAUSE OF THE
WORK OF YOU, COUNCILOR, AND THE
WORK OF YOUR COLLEAGUES.

I KNOW OF A CLIENT WHO HIRED AN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN-LED ARCHITECT
FIRM HERE IN BOSTON DELIBERATELY
SO THAT THEY COULD COMPLY WITH
THE SPIRIT OF WHAT YOU'RE TRYING
TO DO HERE AND WHAT THE STATE
HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED AS
CRITERIA THAT WOULD BE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO APPLY.
ADDING THAT AS A CRITERIA MIGHT
BE A GOOD WAY TO INCLUDE
CONTRACTORS IN THIS SPACE TO GET
HIRED AND TO BE PART OF A TEAM.
NOT JUST THE OWNERSHIP ITSELF OF
THE ENTITY.

>> SO, I THINK CERTAINLY IT'S
IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A DIVERSE
WORKFORCE AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MBEs TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
INDUSTRY.

I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT MY
INTENTION WAS THOUGH TO
EXPLICITLY SAY OWNERSHIP BECAUSE
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE WHO

IS WORKING POSSIBLY FOR \$15 AN HOUR, \$18 AN HOUR, VERSUS SOMEONE WHO WILL BECOME A MILLIONAIRE AS AN OWNER OF A COMPANY, SO I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT -- CERTAINLY, I WANT DIVERSE WORKFORCE.

I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT, AND I ADVOCATE FOR THAT IN EVERYTHING THAT I DO, BUT I THINK IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE FOCUS IN ON THE OWNERSHIP.

WE KNOW THAT IN COLORADO UP UNTIL FEBRUARY 14th -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FIGURES ARE NOW, BUT UP UNTIL FEBRUARY 14th IT WAS \$6 BILLION IN SALES IN COLORADO.

6 BILLION WITH A "B."

I WANT TO MAKE SURE IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS INDUSTRY, THAT WE ARE VERY PARTICIPATORY IN TERMS OF WHO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AS OWNERS, NOT JUST AS WORKERS.

I THINK IT IS AN "AND BOTH."

I DON'T THINK IT IS AN "EITHER OR."

I WANT DIVERSE WORKERS AS WELL, BUT THE OWNERSHIP PIECE, I THINK, IS VERY IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT A CITY LIKE BOSTON WITH ALL THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE HERE AND YET STILL WE HAVE A WEALTH GAP OF \$8 FOR BLACK HOUSEHOLDS AND 247,500 FOR WHITE HOUSEHOLDS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US NOT ONLY TO GET THIS INDUSTRY RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING, UNLIKE THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY, BUT TO TAKE REAL MEANINGFUL STEPS IN CLOSING THAT WEALTH GAP HERE.

YOU TALKED ABOUT LETTERS OF NONOPPOSITION BEING GRANDFATHERED IN.

I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT.

>> I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE. THERE WAS A BUNCH OF -- THERE WAS GROUPS THAT CAME THROUGH THE COUNCIL THAT GOT LETTERS OF NONOPPOSITION, BUT NOT ALL OF

THEM ARE SORT OF UP AND RUNNING.
TO COUNCILOR JANEY'S POINT -- IT
MAY BE A QUESTION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION AS TO WHAT THE
STATUS IS OF THOSE COMPANIES
THAT CAME THROUGH HERE, WENT
THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PROCESS,
WORKED WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL, AND THEN THE
COUNCIL TOOK A VOTE OF
NONOPPOSITION.

THERE'S PROBABLY THREE, FOUR,
MAYBE FIVE THAT ARE IN THIS
CATEGORY, AND I THINK THEY'RE
JUST KIND OF LANGUISHING OUT
THERE.

MAYBE YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE STATUS
OF THEM, MAYBE YOU DON'T.

I WANT TO DOVE TAIL ON COUNCILOR
JANEY'S QUESTION ON THE LETTERS
OF NONOPPOSITION.

>> IT'S NOT A HUGE NUMBER AT
ALL.

MAYBE IT IS FIVE OR SIX OR SEVEN
WHO WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS
BEFORE THIS NEW PROCESS IN
PLACE.

THEY'RE ALL IN DIFFERENT VARIOUS
PHASES, BUT I THINK ANYONE WHO
RECEIVED A LETTER OF OPPOSITION
FROM THIS BODY SHOULD CERTAINLY
BE ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH THE
PROCESS.

I'M HAPPY TO TALK KIND OF
OFFLINE ON ALL THOSE, BUT THAT'S
JUST MORE OF A POLICY
RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU MAKE
SURE YOU PUT THE APPROPRIATE
GRANDFATHER LANGUAGE INTO THE
ORDINANCE.

>> PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE
WATCHING AT HOME, THERE WAS A
PERIOD OF TIME WHEN YOU NEEDED
THE LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION.
SOME RECEIVED IT.

FIVE OR SIX OR SEVEN.

AT SOME POINT, SOMETHING
CHANGED.

WHAT CHANGED THAT MADE BASICALLY
THE LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION
OBSOLETE?

THOSE FOLKS NEEDED TO BE, A,
GRAPHED, OR START THIS NEW
PROCESS.

MAYBE NOT THE BEST QUESTION FOR YOU, BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE WORKING KNOWLEDGE.

>> IT WAS THE MEDICAL REGIME THIS REQUIRED A LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION, DID NOT REQUIRE A HOST COMMUNITY OF AGREEMENT. NOW BOTH MEDICAL AND ADULT USE REQUIRES THE HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION. THE PEOPLE WHO GOT THE FIRST ROUND OF THAT, THE LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION, MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE THE HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT.

THEY'RE ON VARIOUS PHASES WHILE THEY'RE BUILDING OUT THEIR FACILITIES, AND THEN -- THEY NEED TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD, I BELIEVE, WHILE THEY'RE IN -- THEY'RE IN SOME FORM OF A LIMBO, IF YOU WILL, BUT I THINK THEY HAVE LEGAL RIGHTS TO MOVE FORWARD.

AND I WOULD JUST THINK THAT BEING CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW AND JUST REGULAR LEGAL LAW THEY HAVE THE RIGHT -- THAT THAT GETS INCLUDED INTO YOUR DRAFTING OF THE ORDINANCE.

>> I AGREE.

WHETHER IT IS THROUGH INVESTMENT, LEASES, CONTRACTS, IF THEY'RE BEING HELD OFF TO THE SIDE, I THINK WE'VE GOT TO ADDRESS THOSE FIRST.

THEN WE CAN TALK ABOUT OTHER THINGS.

BUT THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR JANEY?

>> THE OTHER THING YOU MENTIONED THAT I THOUGHT WAS A VERY GOOD POINT WAS EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT.

YOU HAD THE MAPS.

I NOTICE WHEN WE DID OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF THE MAPS THAT BOSTON COMMON WAS IN THERE AND AREAS IN BACK BAY WERE IN THERE AND PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE IN THERE.

THE BUFFER ZONE, 1800 FOR CAMBRIDGE, BUT THE EQUITY

APPLICANTS ARE EXEMPT.

I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT AS WELL.

I APPRECIATE THAT, BUT I THINK THAT'S IT FROM ME.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE TIME.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.

COUNCILOR FLYNN, ANY INITIAL QUESTIONS OF THIS PANEL?

COUNCILOR ZAKIM?

COUNCILOR CIOMMO?

COUNCILOR BAKER?

>> I WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN A MEDICAL OPERATION COMING TO MY DISTRICT.

EXTENSIVE -- THROUGH THE COMMUNITY GROUPS, THEY ACTUALLY WON A VOTE, WHICH I WAS SHOCKED THAT THEY WON, BUT THEY DID WIN IT.

AT THAT POINT, WE NEGOTIATED A PACKAGE THAT WOULD STAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT WHEN THAT PROCESS CAME THROUGH MY DISTRICT, IT KIND OF CAME THROUGH ME BECAUSE THEY NEEDED OUR KIND OF WALK-THE-LINE LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION, BUT I WAS ABLE TO TALK TO THE PROPONENT ABOUT WHAT THE SECURITY PLAN IS, MAKING SURE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HIRE FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. I ACTUALLY WAS PART OF THAT, AND IT WAS A LONG PROCESS THE NEIGHBORHOODS WENT THROUGH. THAT'S SOMETHING I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE HAPPENS.

ARE WE PLANNING ON COMING UP WITH THE -- MR. CHAIR, I'M JUST THROWING THIS OUT THERE.

ARE WE COMING UP WITH THE TRACTS OF THIS HOW THIS WILL BE OR ARE WE GOING TO GO BY THE STATE'S TRACTS?

>> IN THE LANGUAGE, IN THE ORDINANCE, IT'S ALIGNED WITH WHAT THE STATE HAS DEFINED, BUT I'M VERY OPEN TO EXPANDING AND MAKING SURE WE'RE BEING INTENTIONAL ABOUT WHO WE'RE INCLUDING IN HERE.

>> AND, MR. CHAIR, THROUGH YOU, ALL THE APPLICANTS NOW HAVE TO

FALL WITHIN THESE GUIDELINES.
IS THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO
DO?

>> MOVING FORWARD, COUNCILOR
JANEY'S ORDINANCE WOULD BE THE
ORDINANCE THAT WOULD GOVERN CITY
APPLICATIONS, CITY CRITERIA.

>> TO BE CLEAR, ANYONE CAN
APPLY.

THIS SETS UP CRITERIA NOT JUST
FOR AN EQUITY PROGRAM BUT FOR
ANYONE.

IT WOULD BE CLEAR CRITERIA ON
HOW WE'RE JUDGING APPLICANTS,
WHETHER YOU'RE AN EQUITY
APPLICANT OR NONEQUITY
APPLICANT.

IT JUST PRIORITIZES LOCAL
BUSINESSES FROM COMMUNITIES HAVE
BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY
IMPACTED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> BUT THE GOAL WAS TO BE
ALIGNED WITH WHAT THE STATE WAS
SAYING.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU.

COUNCILOR WU HAVE ANY COMMENTS
AT THIS TIME?

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

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

I WANTED TO ECHO A SIMILAR
SITUATION TO THE PREVIOUS
SPEAKER.

WE HAVE A SITUATION IN WEST
ROXBURY WHERE A MEDICINAL ONLY
OPERATOR WENT THROUGH A VERY,
VERY LENGTHY -- AND I WON'T SAY
CONTENTIOUS BECAUSE THEY MET
WITH EVERYONE, EVERY ABUTTER,
EVERY COMMUNITY MEMBER, EVERY
CIVIC ASSOCIATION OUTSIDE.
THEY ARE CAUGHT IN THAT LIMBO
HAS FORMER COUNCILOR ROSS
MENTIONED.

MOVING FORWARD, I THINK IT IS
VITAL WE HONOR SOME OF THOSE
AGREEMENTS THAT HAPPENED BEFORE,
PARTICULARLY WHERE WE HAVE A
SITUATION WHERE THE COMPETITOR
IS LOOKING AT THE SAME GENERAL
VICINITY BECAUSE THE FIRST GROUP

THAT HAD GONE THROUGH THE
PROCESS FOR MEDICINAL ONLY HAS
BEEN CAUGHT IN LIMBO.

I WON'T ASK COUNCILOR ROSS TO
COMMENT ON THIS, BUT AS WE HAVE
CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
ADMINISTRATION, AS WE BEGIN OUR
BUDGET PROCESS, IT IS VITAL THAT
WE ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR THE
OFFICE OF EMERGING INDUSTRIES TO
MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT
THEY NEED TO MOVE FASTER ON ONE
OF THESE THINGS.

ONE PERSON OR PEOPLE CANNOT BE
IN CHARGE OF THIS BRAND-NEW
INDUSTRY.

WE NEED TO BE SURE THE CITY IS
EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THAT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT IN THE
WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD.

>> THANK YOU, MICHAEL, FOR YOUR
TIME AND YOUR ATTENTION AND YOUR
TALENT AND HELPING US FOCUS.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY.

>> I WILL ASK THE ADMINISTRATION
PANEL TO COME DOWN.

JOHN, WHO IS THE CHIEF OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IS JOINED
BY JEROME SMITH.

WELCOME TO BOTH OF YOU,
GENTLEMEN.

I UNDERSTAND ALEXIS IS SICK, SO
HER ABSENCE IS EXCUSED, BUT WE
HAVE TWO VERY CAPABLE
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN
FRONT OF US, BOTH THE -- TWO
CHIEFS.

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

WE HAVE TWO CHIEFS WITH US
TODAY.

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR, CHIEF BAROS.
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU.

WE HAVE SEVERAL ALUM OF BCI IN
HERE.

VERY GOOD WIN THE OTHER NIGHT.
ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE YOU, CHIEF.

>> GOOD MORNING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN
FLAHERTY, COUNCILOR JANNEY, AND
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
WE APPRECIATE THE INVITATION TO
TESTIFY.

THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ORDINANCE, ON THE ISSUE OF EQUITY IN INCLUSION IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

I'M JOINED BY CHIEF SMITH.

THE INTRO STATEMENT WILL BE SHORT SO WE CAN GET INTO THE CONVERSATION BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT TO TALK ABOUT.

I WANT TO SAY MAYOR WALSH AND ALL OF US IN HIS ADMINISTRATION SHARE YOUR STRONG DESIRE TO ENSURE THAT THIS NEW EMERGING INDUSTRY BE USED AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEALTH CREATION GOOD JOB-SECURING TOOL TO LIFT THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON UP.

IN PARTICULAR, WE WANT TO CREATE A REGULATORY SYSTEM THAT PROMOTES UPWARD MOBILITY IN THOSE AREAS AND FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY PAST CANNABIS-RELATED POLICIES AND LAWS.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO BEST UTILIZE OUR EXISTING RESOURCES AND POTENTIALLY CREATE NEW PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT AN INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE CANNABIS INDUSTRY IN BOSTON.

TODAY, WE ARE SIMPLY HERE TO CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATION, LISTEN, AND DISCUSS HOW WE TOGETHER CAN CREATE A THOUGHTFUL AND IMPACTFUL POLICY THAT ACHIEVES OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF ENSURING THAT ALL BOSTONIANS CAN BENEFIT FROM THE NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES BEING CREATED. THANK YOU.

>> OBVIOUSLY, WELCOME TO BOTH CHIEFS.

A QUESTION, I GUESS, WHICH SORT OF EMANATED FROM COLLEAGUES IN THE FIRST PANEL WITH RESPECT TO THOSE THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH THE INITIAL PROCESS AND GOT THE LETTER OF NONOPPOSITION FROM THE COUNCIL, I KNOW THAT CHIEF JEROME SMITH HAS BEEN INVOLVED

IN THAT AND PLAYED A CRITICAL
ROLE ON BEHALF OF THE
ADMINISTRATION WORKING WITH THE
DISTRICT AS WELL AS WITH ALL THE
COMMUNITY GROUPS.

MY HOPE IS YOU'RE STILL INVOLVED
IN THIS PROCESS MOVING FORWARD
SORT OF AS THE HEAD OF CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT, IF ANY, ROLE
CHANGED WHEN THE LETTER OF
NONOPPOSITION WAS SORT OF NO
LONGER THE CRITERIA AND THEN WE
SET UP SORT OF A NEW BOARD AND
COMMISSION HERE IN THE CITY, BUT
I WOULD BE INSISTING ON BEHALF
OF THE COUNCIL THAT YOU STAY A
BIG PART OF THIS WHOLE DEBATE
AND DISCUSSION BECAUSE YOU WERE
THERE AT THE GROUND LEVEL
WORKING THROUGH ALL THESE
ISSUES.

YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ISSUES ARE,
PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE OFFICE
OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES, SO I
HOPE THAT'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO
BE THE CASE.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ISSUE
WILL BE ACTIVE AND ENGAGED.
WITH THE FIVE OR SIX APPLICANTS
THAT ARE IN LIMBO THAT MAY HAVE
CONTRACTORS AND LEASES ON THE
HOOK THERE, AS A MATTER OF BASIC
FAIRNESS TO THOSE FOLKS SO THEY
DON'T LOSE THEIR LIFE SAVINGS
AND/OR INVESTORS AND BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE FOR LEASES THEY'VE
SIGNED OR CONTRACTS THEY'VE
SIGNED, CAN WE LET THEM UP FOR
AIR AND BRING SOME FINALITY TO
THEM AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
THINGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
TODAY?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

I AM STILL INVOLVED IN THE
PROCESS OF THE OFFICE OF
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES.

I WAS ORIGINALLY THE LIAISON.
I NO LONGER AM THE DIRECTOR OF
POLICY.

WE HAVE BROKEN UP THE MEETINGS
BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM BECAUSE
WE WANT THE MEETINGS TO BE
CONSISTENT IN THE WAY THEY'RE

HELD.

AS FAR AS THE MAIN PROCESS,
KNOWING THIS IS AN EMERGING
INDUSTRY -- THE MAYOR HAS TAKEN
THAT AND PUT THAT IN THE CAB
INNOCENT OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

>> IF YOU LOOK AT THE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA LAW AND CURRENT
CANNABIS LAW WE HAVE THERE IS NO
EXPLICIT PROCESS LAID OUT.

THE NEW CANNABIS LAW SAYS WHEN
THE MOATING WILL HAPPEN, HOW TO
POST IN THE NEWSPAPER.

THERE IS DETAILED CRITERIA.

WE WOULD NEVER MAKE PREVIOUS AL
I WILL CAN'T YOU PREVIOUSLY
VOTED AND VETTED ON.

I KNOW THERE WERE INTERESTING
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE
PROCESSES.

FOR THE AD MUN STATION THOSE
THINGS WERE PASSED WITH THE
PREVIOUS LAW.

THEY'RE LEGAL AND GOING THROUGH.

IDENTIFYING ISSUES WE DO HAVE
WE'RE GOOD AT SOLVING THE
PROBLEMS.

>> I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU STAY
ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

DISTRICT COLLEAGUES ARE
INVOLVED.

THE PROCESS OF LETTER OF NON
OPPOSITION SORT OF DISAPPEARED.
THE ENGAGEMENT PIECE WITH THE
COUNCIL.

HOPEFULLY THIS ORDINANCE AND
CONVERSATION WITH THE LEAD
AUTHOR ON THAT, THAT BE
INCLUDED.

THE APPLICANTS HAVE TO COME BACK
TO THE COUNCIL OR WORKING WITH
THE DISTRICT COUNCIL,
PARTICULARLY LOCATE IN A
NEIGHBORHOOD.

>> I THINK MY CONVERSATIONS WITH
THE STAFF AT THE CCC, WHEN THEY
THOUGHT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY
PROCESS THEY WERE WITNESSING A
COMMONWEALTH AND TOWNS THOUGHING
UP MAJOR ROADBLOCKS FOR RIGHTS
OF INDIVIDUALS TO HAVE ACCESS TO
CANNABIS.

I THINK WHAT THEY DID WAS TAKE

AWAY THE LETTER OF NON
OPPOSITION.

THEY SAW THAT AS POLITICAL
BODIES THROWING UP ROADBLOCKS.
WE TREAT IT A SIGHTING OF THE
ZBA.

SO IT'S LIKE A NORMAL
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS THIS.
IS A NEW INDUSTRY AND WE'RE
TRYING THINGS OUT.

I THINK THERE IS A ORDINANCE OF
A DEBATE AND I'M OPEN TO THESE
PROCESSES.

I DON'T HAVE TO CORNER THE
MARKET ON HOW THE PROCESS IS
DONE.

THESE MEETINGS, A COUPLE OF
COUNSELORS HAVE BEEN, THE
MEETINGS CAN BE ROUGH.
THEY ARE LONG.

IT KIND OF MAKES YOU FEEL AS
THOUGH YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED
THIS PASSED IN THE CITY OF
BOSTON.

YOU GO TO THE MEETINGS AND THE
PEOPLE THAT SHOW UP, YOU TELL
THEM 70% OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
VOTED FOR IT AND EVERYONE IN THE
ROM IS IN OPPOSITION.

AS WE GO THROUGH THIS I WOULD
LOVE THE SUPPORT.

IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU THINK
MY STAFF HASN'T DONE WELL OR
NEED DONE, WE WOULD LOVE THE
FEEDBACK.

WE'RE WORKING TO PUSH THE ISSUES
FORWARD AND FEEDBACK IS ALWAYS
USEFUL.

>> THANK YOU.

YOUR WORK IS INVALUABLE AND WE
APPRECIATE IT.

CHIEF, WHAT IS THE PROS AND CONS
OF A TWO TO ONE RATIO.

WE'RE STARTING AT THE GROUPED
LEVEL, BRAND NEW INDUSTRY.

>> THAT WAS HIS IDEA.

SO YOU KNOW WHERE I GOT IT FROM.
THE DECEMBER 4th HEARING YOU
SAID TWO TO ONE.

>> YES.

ONE TO ONE IS A EQUITABLE
FORMULA.

AS COUNSELOR JANEY REFERENCED --

>> AS COUNSELOR JANEY RECOGNIZED --

>> I WANT TO GIVE YOU ALL THE CREDIT.

>> -- I WILL TAKE CREDIT FOR WANTING TO MAKE SURE THERE IS IN FACT INCLUSION AND STKAOEU VERSE DIVERSITY IN THE CITY.

UNDERSTANDING THE LICENSES IS A WAY TO GO.

I THINK WE NEED TO BALANCE THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY WITH THE LICENSES.

I KNOW THERE ARE PRESSURES FOR US TO NOT BE IN THE WAY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I THINK THAT'S RIGHT.

THINK WE HAVE TO BALANCE WITH MAKING SURE PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE.

THAT'S THE BALANCE WE HAVE TO FIND.

THE MORE WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT HOW HARD IT IS.

I KNOW WILL YOU HEAR FROM OTHER PEOPLE LATER.

WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE, WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT REMOVING THE BARRIERS FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE.

I CONTINUE TO BE IN FAVOR OF HAVING DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL APPROACH OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE LICENSES.

>> COUNSELOR JANEY, ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

>> YES.

I WANT TO COME BACK TO THE APPLICANTS THAT APPLIED WAY BACK WHEN, COUNSELOR ROSS MENTIONED ARE STUCK IN LIMBO.

HOW MANY?

>> I DO NOT KNOW.

THE NUMBER ABOUT FIVE IS PROBABLY RIGHT.

A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS DIDN'T COME FORWARD FOR MEDICAL AT THE TIME THERE.

IS PATRIOT CARE.

I THINK THERE IS ONE ON NEW BURY STREET.

>> THINK WE HAVE FIVE OR SIX.

>> WE NOW HAVE COMPLETED ELEVEN COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENTS OF THE ELEVEN FOUR COMPLETED COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENTS AROUND MEDICAL

ARE SITED, COMPLETED, ZBA APPROVED.

I BELIEVE TWO OF THEM ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

THE OTHERS ARE, YOU KNOW, GEARING UP FOR OPENING FOR BUSINESS.

THEY HAVE COMPLETED OUR PROCESS. WE ALSO HAVE SIX COMPLETED HOST AGREEMENTS OF THE COMPLETED HOST AGREEMENTS FOUR HAVE GONE THROUGH THE ZBA PROCESS. TWO HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED. SO WE CONTINUE TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.

OF THE ELEVEN DIFFERENT HOST AGREEMENTS THEY'RE SPREAD OUT THROUGH THE CITY IN NINE DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAVE A GOOD REPRESENTATION IN TERMS OF DIVERSITY.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT PARTICIPATION WE'RE PRETTY PROUD OF THE DIVERSE APPLICANTS BOTH IN TERMS OF GENDER AND RACE, IMPACTED COMMUNITIES THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ELEVEN, PARTICULARLY THE SIX RECENT RECREATIONAL RETAIL AGREEMENTS THAT WE HAVE SIGNED.

>> SO, CLARIFYING QUESTION. I'M NOT SURE IF I MISS HEARD YOU.

DID YOU SAY ELEVEN HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS OR SIX?

>> ELEVEN HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS.

I WANTED TO BREAKDOWN THE KINDS WE.

HAVE.

>>Ñi OKAY.

OUT OF ELEVEN.

>> SIX ARE RAE TALE.

>> SIX ARE RETAIL.

>> THE OTHER FIVE ARE MEDICAL.

>> FOUR MEDICAL, ONE MANUFACTURING.

IF YOU REMEMBER THE ROXBURY SITE ON HAMMOND STREET IS MANUFACTURING.

>> CULTIVATION.

>> IT HAS BEEN SITED, GONE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PROCESS.

COMPLETED THE HOST AGREEMENT.
WHICH TWO ARE OPEN?
THE TWO MEDICAL SITES ARE OPEN
AND LOCATED IN ALSTON ON HARVARD
AVE.

THE OTHER IS ON MILK STREET
DOWNTOWN.

>> -- I BELIEVE FOUR OF THE SIX
COMPLETED HOST COMMUNITY
AGREEMENTS HAVE DIVERSE
APPLICANTS.

BOTH GENDER AND RACE.

>> FOUR OUT OF THE SIX.

>> FOUR OUT OF THE SIX RETAIL.

>> RETAIL, THAT'S CORRECT.

>> HOW ARE YOU DETERMINING THAT
THE OWNERSHIP OF THE COMPANY IS
STKAOEU VERSE?

YOU SAYING THE OWNERSHIP OR THE
PERSON BEFORE YOU WHO HAS
APPLIED.

HOW ARE YOU MEASURING?

>> SO, WE ARE LOOKING AT IT BOTH
IN DETERMINES OF CEO, LEADERSHIP
OF THE BUSINESS.

WE ARE LOOKING AT IT IN TERMS OF
OWNERSHIP.

IN OWNERSHIP WE HAVE A WIDE
DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE FOUR.

OWNERSHIP OF LATINO,
AFRICAN-AMERICAN, WOMEN, LOCAL
OWNED, VETERAN OWNED.

WE HAVE TRACKED FOR ALL OF
THOSE.

WHEN IT COMES TO THE FOUR I HAVE
TALKED ABOUT ALL OF WHICH HAVE
RACIAL DIVERSITY I DON'T HAVE
THE BREAKDOWN IN TERMS OF WOMEN
PERCENTAGE ON THE FOUR.

WE HAVE A DIVERSE GROUP OF
PEOPLE COMING UP AND WE HAVE
MOVED THROUGH THE PROCESS.

>> AGAIN ARE YOU LOOKING AT THE
OWNERSHIP OF THE COMPANY.

ARE YOU LOOKING AT WHO OWNS WHAT
PERCENTAGE OF THE COMPANY.

HOW ARE YOU DETERMINING?

MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE
DECEMBER HEARING MEETING THE
QUESTION WAS THE BEING ASKED.

>> THE QUESTION WAS NOT ASKED.

WHETHER A APPLICANT QUALIFIED AS
A SOCIAL EQUITY APPLICANT OR
EQUITY EMPOWERMENT APPLICANT.

HAVE YOU CORRECTD THAT NOW.
>> WE HAVE ASKED ABOUT SOCIAL
EQUITY AND EMPOWERMENT.
WE WERE NOT ASKING IN THE
APPLICATION.
SINCE THE APPLICATION WE FOUND
OUT WHO IS WHO.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE BREAKDOWN FOR
YOU TODAY.
I WILL GET YOU THE BREAKDOWN.
>> THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
>> YES.
>> I APPRECIATE THAT.
>> SO, HOW ARE YOU PRIORITIZING
EQUITY IN THE APPLICATION
PROCESS.
>> SO EQUITY.
WE HAVE BEEN CLEAR AS A
ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC.
IN DIALOGUE WITH EVERYONE WE
HAVE SAID EQUITY IS REALLY
IMPORTANT.
WE HAVE ALLOWED SHOULD OF THE
PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING FOR THEIR
OWN BUSINESS TO TALK TO OTHERS
WHO ARE WORKING TO START UP
THEIR BUSINESSES IN HOPES OF
CREATING RELATIONSHIPS.
WE HAVE CREATED, WE HAVE ALLOWED
THEM TO CONTACT EACH OTHER OR
ENCOURAGE IT.
SOME OF THE RELATIONSHIPS HAVE
COME A THAT WAY.
OTHERS HAVE COME, PEOPLE
RELATIONSHIPS THEY BRING THEM IN
TALKING TO THEM.
ALMOST ANYONE.
I WANT TO SAY EVERYONE COMING
BEFORE US WITH A RECREATIONAL
AGREEMENT TODAY HAS SOME LEVEL
OF PARTICIPATION.
I HAVE TO GET YOU THOSE
PERCENTAGES.
FOUR WERE GOING TO REPRESENT
TODAY TO YOU AS BEING DIVERSE
APPLICANTS.
MEETING GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF
THE EMPOWERMENT AND OR EQUITY
LICENSE HOLDERS.
>> HOW MUCH REVENUE IN TERMS OF
THE THREE PERCENT TAX.
DO YOU HAVE ESTIMATES.
>> WE DON'T HAVE ESTIMATES AT
THIS POINT.

THIS IS A FAST GROWING INDUSTRY.
SOME OF THE CHALLENGE IS MOST OF
THE REVENUE WILL BE AGAIN RATED
THROUGH SALES TAX.

AS YOU KNOW BOSTON DOES NOT
COLLECT SALES TAX.

WE WANT TO PUT THIS INTO THE COP
TEXT OF TAX GENERATION FOR THE
CITY.

WE CAPTURE A 3% ON THIS.

THE OVERWHELMING PERCENTAGE OF
REVENUE CAPTURED BY GOVERNMENT
WILL GO TO THE STATE.

>> NO, I KNOW.

THE REVENUE THAT WE DO CAPTURE,
I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO
ANTICIPATE WHAT WE HOPE TO BRING
IN AND HOW WE USE THAT.

MY ORDINANCE CALLS FOR
REINVESTING THAT TO COMMUNITIES
DISPROPORTIONATE HEE IMPACTED.

THERE IS A LOT OF SUPPORT AND
HELP THAT MANY FOLKS NEED TO
MAKE SURE WE HAVE A INCLUSIVEY
COP HOE.

I KWO LIKE TO SWITCH TO THE
COMMUNITY SIDE.

I HAVE BEEN TO A COMMUNITY
MEETING THAT I FELT, SO AS
PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED.

YOU MENTIONED THE MEETINGS CAN
GO LONG.

PEOPLE TEND TO BE FRUSTRATED AND
ANGRY.

I THINK OF A NUMBER OF THINGS.

ONE, SOME FOLKS WANT TO TURN
BACK THE CLOCK AND DON'T WANT TO
SEE THIS MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR
COMMUNITY.

THE OTHER THING IS THE LACK OF
INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

NOT JUST ABOUT THE INDUSTRY AND
OPPORTUNITY HERE BUT THAT IT IS
IN FACT HERE.

WHETHER I BELIEVE THE NUMBER
FROM DECEMBER WAS 51 BUSINESS
THAT'S WILL OPEN.

>> SO --

>> BY STATE LAW IT'S TO PERCENT
OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETAILS.

>> I BELIEVE THE NUMBER WAS 51.

>> MIGHT BE 52.

>> 51-52.

THIS WILL BE OVER 50, MINIMUM.

I DON'T THINK PEOPLE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT.
I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DO SOME FRAMING.
I KNOW YOU HAVE SAID IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW THAT PARTICULAR CENSUS TRACK VOTED IN THE COMMUNITY.
PEOPLE UNDERSTAND IT'S 51-52 MINIMUM.
NOT THE MAX BUT THE MINIMUM.
I THINK THEN THE QUESTION FOR, FOR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS IS REALLY WHO THEN DO WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH.
WHO WILL PARTNER WITH A GOOD BENEFIT PACKAGE.
WHO CAN WE SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL KID GROWING UP IN THIS COMMUNITY.
THE MEETING I ATTENDED DIDN'T DO THAT FRAMING.
HERE IS WHO I AM FROM ONS.
HERE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO, YOU KNOW, BRING IN A CANNABIS BUSINESS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.
I THINK IT GOT OFF TO A BAD START.
I THINK THERE IS MORE WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT YOU KNOW THE NEED TO CREATE A INCLUSIVE ECONOMY.
THE FACT THAT IT IS HERE.
WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LEGAL CANNABIS OR ILLEGAL CANNABIS.
THE MORE THAT LEGAL STORES ARE PROHIBITED FROM OPENING THE MORE THE ILLEGAL MARKET WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE.
TO THE EXTENT PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CHILDREN GETTING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA.
IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE STORES, LEGAL STORES AVAILABLE WITH THE SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE AND SAFEGUARDS TO INSURE TUZ DIDN'T GET INTO THE HANDS OF CHILDREN.
IN THE LEGAL MARKET ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.
SOMEONE CAN LACE YOUR DRUGS WITH SOMETHING.
THE CANNABIS WITH A DRUG ON TOP OF IT THAT CAN BE DEADLY, VERY

DANGEROUS.
OR IT CAN GET INTO THE HANDS OF
CHILDREN.
I DON'T THINK ANY OF US WANT TO
SEE.
THAT ANY SUGGESTIONS MOVING
FORWARD ABOUT HOW WE CAN IMPROVE
THE PROCESS IN TERMS OF THE
COMMUNITY.
I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.
I THINK THE NEED FOR MORE
EDUCATION AROUND WHAT THE CITY
IS DOING, MORE JUST
UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THIS
INDUSTRY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES
THAT ARE AVAILABLE.
>> YOU KNOW WE HAVE HAD
CONVERSATIONS INTERNALLY WITHIN
MY DEPARTMENT ABOUT HAVING MORE
CONVERSATIONS WITH RESIDENTS
SEPARATE OF APPLICANTS.
I DO NOT BELIEVE IT'S FAIR FOR
AN APPLICANT WHO IS JUST TRYING
TO START A BUSINESS TO HAVE TO
MOVE THE MENTALITY OF A ENTIRE
COMMUNITY IN A TWO-HOUR PERIOD.
I BELIEVE THAT AS A CITY WE
SHOULD PROVIDE OPEN HOUSE
DISCUSSIONS.
WE HAVE DONE IT IN DORCHESTER.
WE DID IT IN DORCHESTER.
THE CCC CAME OUT AND TALKED WITH
RESIDENTS.
THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK
WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK
APPLICANTS.
GETS TO THE QUESTION OF SAFETY,
HOW THE PRODUCT MOVES IN AND OUT
OF THE BUSINESS.
WE HAD THE CCC AND CITY THERE.
THE RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO SAY,
WHAT SHOULD I BE ASKING.
RESIDENTS ARE COMFORTABLE
TALKING ABOUT IF YOU'RE A
RESIDENT TRAUPT, THE HOURS OF
OPERATION, EXHAUST FANS.
IN THE MINDSET THEY CLEARLY KNOW
THE QUESTIONS TO ASK.
I THINK THAT WHAT HAPPENS NOW IN
THESE COMMUNITY MEETINGS IS
THERE IS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS
NOT ALL, A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS
WHO COME IN, LIKE YOU SAID THEY
WANT TO FIGHT THE LAW.

THEY THINK WE NEED TO TURN BACK
THE CLOCK.

WHEN THAT GROUP GOES OFF THE
PERSON IN THE ROOM WANTING TO
HAVE THE MORE THOUGHTFUL PROCESS
QUESTIONS GETS SHOUTED DOWN.

I THINK WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER
SKWOB OF EXPLAINING TO RESIDENTS
WHAT IT IS THEY SHOULD GET FROM
THE APPLICANT.

HOURS OF DELIVERY, WHERE DO THEY
GET DROPPED OFF.

IT'S WHAT RESIDENTS ARE NATURAL
TO ASK FOR OTHER BUSINESSES THEY
HAVEN'T A EMPLOYED TO THIS
BUSINESS YET.

MORE OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS
WOULD BE GREAT.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH
COUNSELORS IF YOU WANT TO DO
FORUMS ON THE CONVERSATIONS.
YOU HAVE NETWORKS, WE HAVE
NETWORKS.

I THINK WE COULD DRIVE RESIDENTS
TO THESE OPEN HOUSES FOR THE COP
ANSWERRIZATIONS.

THE HER PEOPLE THAT GET
COMFORTABLE THIS IS A LEGAL
BUSINESS IN THE CITY YOU WILL
SEE THE TEMPERATURE LOWER IN THE
COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

>> THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE.
THAT I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR
THOUGHTS OF EQUITY BUSINESSES
AND BUFFER ZONES.

CURRENTLY AS THEY EXIST EITHER
OR BOTH OF YOU.

>> THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT TO
DISCUSS.

>> IT'S SOMETHING I WILL
CHALLENGE YOU ON.

I THINK THE BUFFER HAS LEAD TO A
DIVERSIFICATION --

>> YES.

>> -- THE FUSSE ROUND OF AP HI
CAN'S.

IT'S FAIRLY SPREAD OUT ACROSS
THE CITY.

HOW ONE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A
FEEDING FRIEND SEE ZONE.

>> I THINK WE WANT TO DISCUSS
BUT TODAY IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC IT
HAS TO BE A THOUGHTFUL.

>> IF THE THERB HOLD OF

COUNSELOR JANEY'S QUESTION.
IT'S 20% OF THOSE AT HOME.
20% OF THE LIQUOR STORES.

>> YES.

>> THIS DOESN'T APPLY TO NEW
LICENSES WE ARE TALKING ABOUT
CREATING IN THE CITY.

>> THAT'S A THERB HOLD OF 51,
52ISH, RIGHT?

>> YES.

>> I SAY WE GET TO THAT POINT
FIRST.

THEN IF WE WANT TO DISCUSS WHERE
IF THE BUFFER ZONE IS A
IMPEDIMENT IF YOU WILL TO THE
INDUSTRY AND EQUITY APPLICANTS
THEN WE START TO THINK ABOUT
WHERE CAN WE, IF WE CAN COME OUT
OF THE GATE BEFORE HITTING THE
THRESHOLD AND TRAMPLE OVER THE
BUFFER ZONE I WILL FIGHT THE AD
MY STATION TOOTH AND NAIL ON
THAT.

IT WAS REASONING BEHIND IT AND
THOUGHTFUL.

THIS BODY SUPPORTED IT
OVERWHELMINGLY.

THE BRA SUPPORTED IT, THE ZONING
COMMISSION SUPPORTED IT AND THE
BOARD OF APPEALS SUPPORTED IT.

IF WE HAVE A NEW PERSON UP THERE
THEY HAVE TO BE AWARE OF IT.

I THINK WE HAVE TWO COMPETING
WITHIN 107 FEET OF EACH OTHER
FOR THAT SPECIFIC REASON.

I THINK WE NEED TO MEET THE
THRESHOLD FIRST.

THEN AND IF WE NEED TO DO THAT.

I DON'T THINK WE TRAMPLE ON IT
NOW.

>> I THINK IT'S PORPT TO MEET
THE THERB HOLD IF EQUITY IS
CENTERED TO ALL OF THAT WE'RE
DOING, NUMBER ONE.

NUMBER TWO, COUNSELOR ROSS
OFFERED TESTIMONY LOOKING AT
CAMBRIDGE.

MY QUESTION IS ROOTED IN HIS
RECOMMENDATION.

SO, WHAT I'M HEARING FROM YOU IS
WE NEED TO DISCUSS THAT MORE?

>> I THINK THE PUBLIC JUST
WITNESSED THE DEBATE JUST
OCCURRED REGARDING THE BUFFER

ZONE.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

I THINK WE WILL HEARD FROM TESTIMONY TODAY AS IN JANUARY AT THE WORKING SESSION AS WELL AS THE DECEMBER HEARING THAT EQUITY APPLICANTS ARE FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT WITH THE BUFFER ZONE. BECAUSE THESE LARGER COMPANIES ARE COMING IN AND VOILA THERE IS A BUFFER ZONE AND THEY'RE LOCKED OUT.

I HAVE EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MY DISTRICT THAT'S HAPPENED.

TO I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE BUFFER ZONE RELATING TO CULTIVATION.

A BUFFER ZONE FOR A CULTIVATOR?

>> TO THE PUFZ ZONES WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BUFFER ZONES WERE CREATED BY THE RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THEY WERE CREATED BECAUSE OF PATRIOT CARE BEING SITED.

A GROUP LIVING NEAR THE THEATER DISTRICT HAS SAID IF WE DO THIS WE DON'T WANT 15 IN DOWN COUNCIL CROSSING.

THE COUNCIL WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE COUNCIL AND WE CAME UP WITH THE BUFFER ZONE.

ANY CHANGE TO THE BUFFER ZONE WILL HAVE TO HAVE A PUBLIC CONVERSATION.

THERE ARE RESIDENTS WHO BELIEVE THAT'S A PROTECTION FOR THEM.

WE HAVE TO WORK THROUGH THAT.

AT THE SAME TIME A BUFFER ZONE CAN HINDER THE EXPANSION OF A NEW BUSINESS.

I THUFRPG YOU WOULD FIND WE'RE OPEN TO HAVING A DISCUSSION.

TO THE POINT OF JUST TAKING A WHACK AT THE BUFFER ZONE NOW I'M NOT SURE IF WE ARE THERE.

I DON'T BELIEVE THE PUBLIC IS THIS YET.

>> THE PUFZ STRENGTHENS THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

PARTICULARLY IF YOU HAVE TWO, THREE, FOUR COMPETING INTERESTS FOR THAT AREA.

YOU CAN'T DO MORE THAN ONE IN

THE ZONE.

IT ALLOWS THEM TO SHARPEN THE PENCIL AND BE CREATIVE IN SATISFYING THE MUTUALLY ALIGNED COMMUNITY GOALS.

THAT IS ALSO A ADDED BONUS TO HAVING IT.

IT DRIVES NEGOTIATION IN THE FAVOR OF THE RESIDENTS.

>> SO OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO HAVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE PROCESS.

THAT'S WHY YOUR OFFICE IS IMPORTANT TO THE WORK.

THANK YOU.

YOU KNOW, AGAIN I'M REMARKING ON THE RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNSELOR ROSS AS WELL AS THE COMMENTS THAT MANY FOLKS IN THIS ROOM, I'M SURE WILL MAKE IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

NOT SAYING WE DO AWAY WITH BUFFER ZONES OR WE CREATE GREEN MILES.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE, EXCEPT MAYBE COUNSELOR BAKER, A GROAN ZONE.

NOBODY IS TALKING ABOUT A GROAN MILE.

WE ARE TALKING HOW TO INSURE THIS IS INCLUSIVE ECONOMY.

PEOPLE HARMED BY THE WAR ON DRUGS ARE FULLY PARTICIPATE.

THAT'S THE REASON FOR MY QUESTION.

THE LAST THING WAS THAT I BELIEVE THERE WAS A COMPANY IN FENWAY THAT HAS MOVED THROUGH THE PROCESS, IS THAT CORRECT.

THIS COMPANY IS NOT GAUGED IN -- THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE CEO FROM THE CFO ABOUT FINANCIAL PROPRIETORIES --

>> IS THIS --

>> MY QUESTION IS ONE THERE WAS AN EQUITY APPLICANT VYING FOR THE SPOT.

TWO, EVEN WITH THESE ALLEGATIONS THAT THINGS SEEM TO MOVE QUICKLY THROUGH THE CITY.

I WONDER IF YOU CAN PROVIDE INSIGHT ON WHAT HAPPENED.

OBVIOUSLY EVERYONE IS DUE THEIR DAY IN COURT IF IT COMES TO THAT

FOR THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS.
THEY ARE SOREIOUS ALLEGATIONS.
I WONDER HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO
MOVE THROUGH THE PROCESS OVER AN
EQUITY APPLICANT.

>> SO, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE THAT
WAS E MAILED TO ME.
MY OFFICE DOES NOT DO BACKGROUND
CHECKS.

WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY OF
BACKGROUND CHECKS.
I ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH THE
CCC.

IF YOU HEEL ALLEGATIONS HAVE
MERIT THE CCC HANDLES THOSE.
WE DO NOT.

>> I WANT TO DEFER TO MY
COLLEAGUE WHO REPRESENTS THAT
AREA, THAT PART OF THE FENWAY.
I HAVE A TINY PIECE OF THE
FENWAY.

IT JUST CAME TO MY ATTENTION.
I WONDER IF YOU HAD INSIGHT
ABOUT MOVING THROUGH.

>> THEY WENT THROUGH A COMMUNITY
PROCESS LIKE ALL OTHER
BUSINESSES GO THROUGH.
I DON'T DO BACKGROUND CHECKS, I
DON'T HAVE ACCESS, I DON'T HAVE
INVESTIGATORS TO VET BACKGROUND
CHECKS.

I ENCOURAGE COUNSELORS CONCERNED
ABOUT THE APPLICATION TO
COMMUNITY WITH THE CCC.

>> WE WERE MADE AWARE OF THE
ALLEGATIONS.

VERY SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.
FROM A SIGHTING PROCESS AS CHIEF
SMITH HAS SAID WE FELT THEY MET
THE CRITERIA AND HAD THE SUPPORT
TO MOVE FORWARD.

THE CCC WILL TAKE A DIFFERENT
LOOK AT THIS.

AS THEY FINISH OFF THE
APPLICATION PROCESS.
WE SHOULD ALL PAY ATTENTION AND
MAYBE ENGAGE WHEN WE FEEL WE
NEED TO ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNSELOR ZAKIM, COUNSELOR
CIOMMO.

>> A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ON THE
HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT.

>> IS THAT A TEMPLATE, A

STANDARD FORM?
LIKE IS IT ON-LINE?
CAN WE LOOK AT THEM?
>> THERE IS NOTHING STANDARD
RIGHT NOW ABOUT THIS INDUSTRY.
WE ARE WORKING WITH YOU.
WE HOPE TO STANDARDIZE SOME
THINGS.
THE COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENT IS
SPELLED OUT IN MASS STATE LAW.
SO, WE ARE TRYING TO FOLLOW
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STATE.
WE HAVE ALSO ADDED COMPONENTS TO
THE HOST AGREEMENT BASED ON
CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD HERE.
BECAUSE OF THE CONVERSATIONS AND
THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL
BEING EXPLICIT ON CERTAIN
THINGS.
WE EXPECT THIS CONVERSATION
HERE.
THIS ORDINANCE WILL CONTINUE TO
INFORM THE COMMUNITY HOST
AGREEMENTS.
I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR TO THE
PUBLIC THERE IS NO.
NO TEMPLATE ON THIS NOW.
WE ARE DEVELOPING IT HERE.
THE CONVERSATION AND THE WORK WE
DO WITH IT WILL INFORM IT.
>> SO, BUT WE HAVE FOUR OF,
SORRY.
HOW MANY HOST COMMUNITY
AGREEMENTS AGAIN.
>> WE HAVE ELEVEN COMPETED HOST
AGREEMENTS.
>> THEY'RE ALL POSTED ON-LINE
COUNSELOR.
>> THEY ARE ALL ON-LINE.
>> ALL ARE MADE PUBLIC.
>> I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR
TRANSPARENCY SAKE.
AGAIN IT SHOULD ALMOST BE
STANDARD I WOULD THINK.
PART OF IT IS HOW MUCH WE CAN
TAX THEM.
>> HUH-UH.
>> SO SOME BASIC THINGS.
SOME STANDARDIZATION OF THE
COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENTS ARE
HOURS OF OPERATION, IT SEEMS
LIKE NATURAL BUSINESS PROCESSES.
THE COUNCIL, THE MAYOR FILED
WITH THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL SUPPORTED AND VOTED FOR THE 3% AUTOMATIC.

THAT IS WHAT YOU AUTOMATICALLY GET IN.

THE COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENTS ADD AN ADDITIONAL 3%.

THAT IS A STANDARDIZED.

WE WON'T DO YOU GET ONE PERCENT -- EVERYONE DOES AN ADDITIONAL 3% ON TOP OF WHAT THE COUNCIL PASSED IN THE ORDINANCE. THOSE ARE THE STANDARDIZED PARTS.

AS THE CHIEF SAYS, AS WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS SOME RESIDENTS ASK FOR OTHER THINGS. WILL YOU SEE SOME SLAYER KWRAEUGS IN THE COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENTS BASED ON THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

WHAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN DOING IS IF A BUSINESS SAYS THAT I WILL GIVE TEN GRAND TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, WE'RE NOT PUTTING DOWN A COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENT.

THAT'S A SEPARATE MOU, THAT IS NOT PUT INTO A COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENT.

WE'RE KEEPING AT PURELY WHAT THE CITY CAN ENFORCE.

>> JUST ONE MORE THING.

QUALIFYING TO ENGAGE IN A COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENT YOU HAVE TO GET ZBA APPROVAL FIRST. CORRECT.

>> COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED BEFORE YOU GET A ZBA DATE.

>> OKAY.

SO WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY'RE REJECTED BY THE ZBA. DOES THAT DISSOLVE?

>> YES.

>> OKAY.

>> I JUST CURIOUS WHY WOULD YOU GO THROUGH THAT STEP BEFORE YOU GET ZBA APPROVAL? IT SEEMS KIND OF LIKE WASTED TIME ALMOST.

[APPLAUSE]

>> WE WANT, WE WANT THE APPLICANTS TO BE ABLE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ZBA WITH EVERYTHING TOGETHER, BOUNDED TOGETHER TO GO

BEFORE THE BOARD, THE BOARD
STAMPS IT.

THEY'RE DONE AND DON'T HAVE TO
ENGAGE WITH THE CITY AGAIN.

>> FOR CCC LICENSING AND
APPROVAL.

>> MOST OF THESE THINGS HAPPEN
AT THE SAME TIME.

IT'S NOT COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND
SIT DOWN TO NEGOTIATE.

THEY HAPPEN SEQUENTIALLY.

THE FINAL ZONE OF THE CITY
REVEALS AND THE PACKAGE IS PUT
TOGETHER.

YOU NEGOTIATE ALL YOU HAVE
BEHIND THE SCENES.

THE FINAL VOTE IS DONE.

THEY TAKE THE VOTE AND GO TO THE
STATE AND THEY'RE OFF.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

>> COUNSELOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

SO THE THREE PERCENT IS
STANDARD.

IS THAT THREE PERCENT OF GROWTH
OR NET?

>> I BELIEVE IT'S THREE PERCENT
OF GROSS.

I WILL CHECK.

>> OKAY.

THAT GOES, THAT THREE PERCENT
GOES WHERE?

>> THE GENERAL FUND.

>> THE GENERAL FUND.

>> HOW DOES THAT TRICKLE BACK TO
THE NEIGHBOR HOOD?

JUST GENERAL FUND, ROADS,
BRIDGES, COPS.

OKAY.

SO, IN THAT, IN THAT HOST
AGREEMENT THEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
HAS TO HAVE A SEPARATE PARALLEL?

>> I AM SAYING IF A BUSINESS --
FIRST OFF WE DON'T REQUIRE ANY
BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
TO GIVE COMMUNITY BENEFITS OTHER
THAN MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.
IF WE DON'T REQUIRE A LIQUOR
STORE TO GIVE TEN GRAND TO THE
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, AND A
RESTAURANT TO GIVE TEN GRAND TO
THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

WE'RE NOT IN THE PROCESS OF
MAKING THEM.

IF THIS BUSINESS WISHES TO BE A
GOOD NEIGHBOR AND THEY
THEMSELVES SAY THEY WANT TO DO
THIS THEY SHOULD NEGOTIATE WITH
THE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OF THE
COMMUNITY.

THAT'S A PRIVATE DISCUSSION.
WE'RE AWARE OF IT BUT WON'T
CREATE A CITY CONTRACT ON.
THAT.

>> THE HOST AGREEMENT IS LOCKING
MORE OPERATIONS, SECURITY PLANS,
WHO YOUR PEOPLE ARE OR WHATEVER.

>> YES.

>> SO, WE LET AN ORGANIZATION
COME IN A GROWER ON MANUFACTURE,
WHATEVER.

THEY MAKE AGREEMENTS TO, YOU
KNOW, TO TRAIN.

LIKE I HAVE A MANUFACTURING
GROUP COMING IN.

I HAVE SAID I WANT TO YOU TAKE
PEOPLE FROM HERE, BRING THEM TO
YOUR TRAINING FACILITIES AND
WRITE THEM BACK.

HOW DO WE, HOW DO WE CODIFY THAT
LANGUAGE.

WHO CAN WATCH THOSE?

BEFORE YOU OPEN UP WHO IS GOING
TO POLICE THIS INDUSTRY HERE?

IF WE DON'T HAVE A BUDGET FOR
THE EMERGING INDUSTRIES IS THAT
IN JOHN'S SHOP?

HOW WILL WE MAKE SURE IF WE
MADE AGREEMENTS FOR PEOPLE
AROUND TRAINING AND AROUND
CONTRACTS OR WHATEVER WE MAKE
WHO WILL POLICE THAT.

>> THERE ARE CERTAIN ITEMS.

I THINK THE PARALLEL IS A
DEVELOPMENT, PARALLEL TO WHAT
CHIEF SMITH MADE.

THERE ARE CERTAIN ITEMS WE
POLICE.

OTHER ITEMS WE CAN'T POLICE.

YOU WILL FIND THAT IF SOMEONE IS
MAKING A GRANT TO A INDIVIDUAL
ORGANIZATION THAT THE CITY WON'T
POLICE THAT GRANT.

IF SOMEONE IS SAYING THAT IT
WILL TRAIN INDIVIDUALS THE CITY
WILL WANT TO KNOW THEY TRAINED
INDIVIDUALS.

WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL TO BE

CLEAR TO THE RESIDENTS WHAT WE
CAN POLICE AND NOT POLICE.
TO THE CITY COUNCIL WHAT WE CAN
POLICE OR NOT POLICE.
ON A ONE-OFF BASIS COUNSELOR AND
THE DISTRICT COUNSELORS HERE AND
COUNSELORS IN GENERAL.
AS WE AGREE TO DIFFERENT THINGS
WE SHOULD HAVE A CONVERSATION
WHAT THE CITY CAN POLICE OR NOT
POLICE SO EVERYONE IS CLEAR
ABOUT THE AGREEMENTS AND WHAT
YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR CITY
ADMINISTRATION, WHAT YOU GET
BACK FROM US.
IT'S REALLY, A REALLY DICEY AREA
WHAT WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO POLICE
AND NOT TO POLICE.
>> WITH THAT POINT I THINK, I
THINK WE AS DISTRICT CITY
COUNCILORS NEED TO BE MORE
INVOLVED.
WE COULD POTENTIALLY POLICE.
THAT SO THE GROUP I'M DEALING
WITH, THAT IS ON ME TO POLICE
THEM WITH YOUR SHOP.
>> I THINK.
>> SO, THE CONCERN I HAVE IS
WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS
AND THEY HAD TO COME TO THE CITY
THEY HAD TO DEAL WITH ME IN THE
NEIGHBOR HOOD TO MAKE SURE THEY
WERE RESPONSIVE.
I'M AFRAID AS WE GET AWAY FROM
US DISTRICT COUNSELORS HAVING
MORE INPUT HERE.
I THINK WE CAN BE YOUR POLICE
AND HELP YOU.
TO GET TO EQUITY AND A PLACE
WHERE EVERYONE FEELS OKAY ABOUT
THE BUSINESS WE HAVE TO ALLOW
SOME TO OPEN UP.
SO THE PANIC.
PEOPLE WILL SEE THE WORLD WON'T
COLLAPSE WITH THE BUSINESS UP
AND RUNNING.
ALSO WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT
THE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING IN
AND MAKING PROMISES ARE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE ON.
THAT THAT IS SOMETHING I THINK
WE SHOULD WORK ON HOW WE DO
THAT.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAPPENS

WITHIN THIS HERE.
SO PHAEBG +*P MAYBE IF YOU CAN
SPEAK TO THAT A BIT.
>> COUNSELOR I WANT TO AGREE
WITH YOU AND MAKE CLEAR
SOMETHING THAT CHIEF SMITH SAID.
MAYBE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHEN WE
MOVED FROM THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
PROCESS TO THE RECREATIONAL
MANUFACTURING, ETCETERA.
THE STATE REGULATION CHANGES.
I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.
>> I KNOW.
THAT I'M JUST MAKING, THINKING
ABOUT IT HERE.
THE STATE CHANGED.
>> CITY POSTURE HAS NOT CHANGED.
SO THE MAYOR, I THINK JEROME
DETAILED THIS, AGREED WITH THE
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT THAT THE
COUNCIL WILL BE FORMALLY
ENGAGED.
VERSUS THE MAYOR WRITING THAT
LETTER.
THAT SPIRIT EXISTS.
WE WANT THE COUNCIL TO BE EDGE
GAINED WHAT IS HAPPENING.
-- ENGAGED WHAT IS HAPPENING.
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO US, WE
WILL CONTINUE THE IMPORTANCE.
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO
BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION.
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE TO WEATHER,
BEFORE OR AFTER THE ORDINANCE,
IT NEEDS TO BE CLEAR THE CITY
COUNCIL IS ENGAGED.
>> I HOPE SO.
THERE WAS A MEETING I FOUND OUT
ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE IT
HAPPENED.
>> WE APOLOGIZE --
>> IT WAS A COMMUNITY MEETING.
I WENT THROUGH A PROCESS OF
VETTING.
NOT THAT I RAN THE PROCESS.
I DIRECTED WHERE THEY NEED TO GO
AND WHO THEY NEED TO MAKE
COMFORTABLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
I JUST, THE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS
TO BE INVOLVED.
WE'RE CLOSEST TO IT.
THAT'S ONE THING.
WITH CAN HE TALK ABOUT THE
BUFFER ZONES A BIT.

>> IF I WAS A CITY COUNCILOR
AND THERE WAS A GROUP COMING IN
LOOKING TO DO.
LOCKING TO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO
DO, A DISPENSARY OR WHATEVER.
IT WAS WITHIN THE BUFFER ZONE.
IS IT CORRECT AS A DISTRICT CITY
COUNCILOR I WOULD WRITE A
LETTER, WRITE A LETTER OR GO TO
ZONING AND SAY WOULD IT BE, LIKE
A ZONING RELEASE SORT OF THING.

>> ANY APPLICANT.
ABOUT THE BUFFER ZONE THE PUBLIC
HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT
THE BUFFER ZONE.

ANY APPLICANT CAN GO BEFORE THE
BOARD OF APPEALS AND SEEK A
VARIANCE.

AN APPLICANT CAN PETITION THE
ZBA.

THERE IS A WAY TO BE LEGALLY
WITHIN THE BUFFER ZONE OF EACH
OTHER.

>> FOR ME GROWING UP IN
DORCHESTER, YOU KNOW IN MY
NEIGHBORHOOD I HAVE SEVEN LIQUOR
STORES WITHIN LESS THAN A MILE.
NOW IF YOU WANT MULTIPLE
OPERATIONS IN YOUR DISTRICT I
THINK THAT'S ON YOU TO SUPPORT.
THAT I PERSONALLY WANT TO HAVE,
I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH A
COUPLE OF THEM.

YOU DON'T WANT TEN, FIFTEEN,
TWENTY AND DOWNTOWN GETS ONE.
WE RUN THE RISK.

YOU, ME, WHO EVER IS THE
DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL CLOSEST TO
THE CITY.

WE RUN THE RISK OF THIS WHOLE
INDUSTRY IN OUR DISTRICT.
IN TEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS SAYING
HOW DID THESE WEED SHOPS GET
HERE.

WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH THE
ZONING.

BACK ON, JOHN F YOU THINK ABOUT
THE UMBRELLA LICENSE.

YOU KNOW WHAT WE DID WITH THAT
OR TRYING TO DO WITH THAT.

SAME SORT OF THING.

SAME SORT OF THING.

BRING THE INDUSTRY INTO A NEW
DEVELOPMENT.

YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT
TECHNOLOGY.
THIS IS A GROWING NEW INDUSTRY.
SO THAT GREEN ZONE WOULDN'T HAVE
15 DISPENSARIES.
IT WILL HAVE A GROW.
A CONSUMPTION CAFE.
YOU KNOW LET THE WHOLE INDUSTRY
PLAY OUT SOMEPLACE.
THEN YOU CAN REALLY DRIVE THE
LOCAL BUSINESS BECAUSE THE, THE
PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE AUXILLARY
BUSINESSES WILL WANT TO BE NEAR
WHERE THE BUSINESS IS.
WHEN I SAY GROAN ZONE.
I DON'T MEAN DUMP THE
DISPENSARIES HERE.
THINK ABOUT IT HOLISTICALLY.
THIS IS A BILLION DOLLAR
BUSINESS.
WHAT WE SEE IS JUST THE FRONT
END OF IT.
WHAT IS ALL BEHIND IT.
HOW DO WE, YOU HOW DO YOU THINK
ABOUT THIS FOUGHT FULLY AND
BRING ALL OF THE INDUSTRY HERE.
NOT JUST THE BACK END OF IT.
THE BACKSIDE OR THE FRONT SIDE,
WHATEVER WAY YOU LOOK AT IT.
>> I WANT TO AGREE WITH YOU A
HUNDRED PERCENT.
THERE IS A ENTIRE ECOSYSTEM
AROUND THE CANNABIS SYSTEM.
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ALL OF
IT WE TALK PRIMARILY ABOUT
RETAIL, RIGHT.
WE NEED TO EXPANDED THE
CONVERSATION.
THERE ARE MANY OTHER BUSINESS
TYPES THAT SUPPORT THE CANNABIS
INDUSTRY.
SO, AND MANY OF THOSE BUSINESS
TYPES I SUPPORT IN MY SHOP NOW
AND READY TO DO THAT.
TOO FEW APPLICANTS ARE IN FACT I
CAN COUNT ON MY HANDS TWO
APPLICANTS THAT HAVE TALKED
ABOUT TPHEUZNESSES THAT ARE NOT
SPECIFICALLY RETAIL OR
MANUFACTURING AND GROWING.
OF THOSE APPLICANTS BOTH SAID TO
H +*E, I WILL GEL GET BACK TO YOU
AFTER THE RETAIL SHOP IS OPEN.
THAT KIND OF A CONVERSATION.

I URGE PEOPLE.

>> IF YOU FLIP THAT AND SAY WHY
DON'T YOU MANUFACTURE AND DO
GROW, GROW COULD BE COST
PROHIBITIVE HERE.

WE CAN CONNECT TO OTHER TOWNS,
TOWNS WITH WAREHOUSE SPACES THEY
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH.

IN DENVER YOU CAN'T FIND
WAREHOUSE SPACE.

IT'S COST PROHIBITIVE.

I THINK IF WE DIRECT, DO A
BETTER JOB DIRECTING AND MAKE
SURE THEY BRING PEOPLE IN, WITH
THAT QUESTION WHAT DO YOU NEED
TO ENTER INTO THE MARIJUANA
INDUSTRY.

WHETHER IT'S A GROW, LIKE IN
DENVER YOU NEED TO BE LICENSES.
IT'S DIFFERENT TIERS OF
LICENSES.

TO BE A BUD TENDER YOU'RE LOWER
END.

YOU MOVE UP THE MANUFACTURING
SOME COULD BE 80,000 TO A
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, IT'S
ALL HANDS ON.

WHAT DO WE DO THERE?

DO WE SET UP TRAINING PROGRAMS
AND LICENSING TO DO THAT.
MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD
DO, JEROME.

JOB FARES AND CONNECTING PEOPLE
TO THE TRAINING.

>> I WAS EXCITED YOU BROUGHT
THAT UP IN THE OPENING
STATEMENTS.

FEW LOCAL OFFICIALS TALK ABOUT
THIS.

THE MEETINGS WE GO TO PEOPLE
FOCUS ON THE RETAIL.

SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE BAKERS AND
WANT TO DO BAKERY OR A FLEET OF
CARS FOR DELIVERY.

WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT
OR SUPPORTING, ENCOURAGING.

I AGREE I THINK IT'S A MISSED
OPPORTUNITY.

THE INDUSTRY IS GROWING AND I
THINK IF WE DON'T TALK ABOUT IT
NOW WE WILL BE PLAYING CATCH UP
LATER.

INDIVIDUALS ARE ASKING HOW DO I
GET INTO THIS.

I WANT A PIECE OF THE ACTION.

I THINK WE NEED TO SET UP A WAY
TO BRING RESIDENTS IN WHO HAVE
THE ANCILLARY BUSINESSES TO
SUPPORT AND GROW.

>> MAYBE WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT
THAT, THE INFORMATION JOB FARE,
YOU KNOW.

>> I THINK THE COUNCIL'S
PROPOSAL ON A RHODE SHOW.
I WOULD SAY I WOULD SUPPORT
BECAUSE IT'S EASIER.

EVERY DISTRICT HAVING A TOWN
HALL WHERE WE HAVE JOB FARE AND
TALK ABOUT THE INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AND LOCK FOR.
I'M HAPPY TO TALK TO THE
COUNSELORS.

>> I WILL SAY AS WE SAY THIS
PUBLICLY ALL OF THE BUSINESSES.
BOTH RETAIL AND MANUFACTURING
AND BUSINESS TYPES TAKE HARD
WORK.

>> YES.

>> RIGHT.

>> YES.

>> THEY ALL TAKE, THEY TAKE
TIME.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DOES.
THEY TAKE RELATIONSHIP BUILDING.
THERE IS A LOT GOING INTO THIS.
I DON'T WANT TO, I WANT TO SAY
TO THE PUBLIC LET'S GO GET IT.
THERE IS NO TURN ON THE SWITCH
AND YOU HAVE A BUSINESS
TOMORROW.

>> FOR, FOR, TO GET INTO THE
INDUSTRY ON A JOB LEVEL FOR US.
IF YOU GET IN THE INDUSTRY AND
LEARN FROM THE INSIDE
MANUFACTURING WHETHER IT'S GROW
OR THE EDIBLES AND EVERYTHING
ELSE THAT IS MADE IN A LAB
SPACE.

DO WE NEED TO BE CERTIFIED TO DO
THAT.

DO PEOPLE NEED TO BE CERTIFIED.
HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN.
HOW DO WE GET PEOPLE PREPARED
FOR THE WHOLE BUSINESS.

>> SO WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ANY
ONE OF THE BUSINESSES THEY HAVE
A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT
OPERATION PLAN FOR A BUSINESS

PLAN.
THEY ARE DIFFERENT LICENSES.
THE CCC IS LOOKING FOR A
DIFFERENT SET OF CRITERIA. WHAT
I SEE IN THE CULTIVATION TYPE
WHEN YOU DIG NO THE BUSINESS
PLAN ITSELF.
REAL ESTATE IN BOSTON IS PRO
PROHIBITIVE.
WE SEE FOLKS TALKING OUTSIDE OF
BOSTON FOR.
THAT RETAIL BECAUSE OF THE
SMALLNESS OF THE BUSINESS AND
WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE AND BRING
FROM OUTSIDE MAKES IT HAPPEN.
I THINK EACH ONE OF THESE
BUSINESS TYPES TAKES DIFFERENT
OPERATION PLANS.
THEY HAVE DIFFERENT FINANCIAL
MODELS THAT TIE TO THEM.
ALSO NEED DIFFERENT LICENSES AND
CRITERIA BASED ON THE LICENSES.
YOU HAVE TO GET INTO A DIFFERENT
CONVERSATION.
>> THE WORKERS NEED TO BE
CERTIFIED ALSO.
THE BUD TENDER DO WE NEED
CERTIFIED BUD TENDERS.
>> THERE IS ARE BACKGROUND
CHECKS THAT ARE DIFFERENT.
I WANT TO SAY I DON'T THINK THE
REGULATION.
THERE ARE BACKGROUND CHECKS THAT
ARE DIFFERENT.
I KNOW IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES YOU
NEED CERTAIN WORKERS.
DIFFERENT WORKERS, MY GUESS IS
WHEN WE BEGIN TO DEVELOP THE
REGULATIONS FOR INSPECTIONS,
ETCETERA THIS EVOLVES AND
CHANGES.
>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
>> THANK YOU, WE HAVE BEEN
JOINED BY COUNSELORS.
COUNSELOR MATT OWE PHA +*LIE,
QUESTIONS ?
>> THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.
SO I GUESS I WANT TO BEGIN BY
SAYING HOW MUCH I VALUE THE LEAD
SPONSOR'S ADVOCACY IN THIS.
WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE DO THIS
RIGHT AND ACT ON WHY THE WAR ON
DRUGS WAS A FAILURE.

I, I WOULD PUSH BACK A LITTLE
BACK RESPECTIVELY, CLEF, THAT
THE CITY POSTURE HAS NOT CHANGED
IN RELATIONSHIP TO WORKING WITH
THE COUNCIL.
NO QUESTION WE HAVE A GREAT
COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP OVER
THE ISSUES.
THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IT HAS
CHANGED DRAMATICALLY.
FROM A SOMEWHAT HANDS OFF
APPROACH FROM THE CITY, THE
ADMINISTRATION, THE MAYOR'S
ADMINISTRATION, RELATING TO
MEDICINAL WITH THE COUNCIL
RUNNING THE PROGRESS AND THE
PROGRAM.
THE OVERSIGHT TO RECREATIONAL
AND THE CITY TAKING CONTROL.
THAT'S PERFECTLY FINE.
THAT'S HOW THINGS UNFOLDED.
AGAIN IT IS CONCERNING TO ME
THAT SEEMS TO BE MOVING SO
SLOWLY.
THAT'S NOT A INDICTMENT ON ANY
COLLEAGUE OR ANYONE WORKING HARD
ON THIS.
I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ALLOCATED
ENOUGH REVENUE AND RESOURCES TO
THE OFFICE OF EMERGING INDUSTRY.
WHEN CHIEF SMITH TALKS ABOUT A
RHODE SHOW AND JOB FARES GREAT
IDEAS.
I LOVE THESE THINGS.
I WONDER IF THE ADMINISTRATION
HAS THE CAPACITY TO DO THAT WELL
WHEN WE SEE THINGS MOVING SO
SLOWLY AS IT RELATES TO THE
WOULD-BE OWNERS AND
ENTREPRENEURS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.
IS THERE PLANS ON THE BUDGET TO
GROW THAT, MAKE SURE THE
RESOURCES ARE THERE?
>> COUNCIL, APPRECIATE THE
COMMENT.
LET ME, BEFORE I ANSWER THE
QUESTION SAY TO YOU I THINK A
LOT OF THE CHANGE IN POSTURE HAS
BEEN DEDICATED BY CHANGE IN
STATE REGULATIONS AND LAWS.
RIGHT.
SO THE POSTURE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION IS A
COLLABORATIVE POSTURE WITH THE

COUNCIL.

WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT HOW YOU FAIL THAT ON YOUR SIDE.

I WANT TO RECOGNIZE FROM MEDICINAL TO RECREATIONAL THAT THE STATE REGULATION CHANGED. KREUFPB BY A DOCUMENT OF THE HOST AGREEMENT.

>> NO QUESTION.

>> SO THE POSTURE AT LEAST, I'M REPRESENTING THE MAYOR IN SAYING THIS, WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU GUYS TO FIGURE OUT THE SITING AND WHERE IN THE DISTRICT AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY THE SITES --

>> NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

MARTY WALSH IS ONE OF THE MOST COLLABORATIVE PEOPLE I HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN GOVERNMENT IN MY LIFE.

I MEAN THAT SERIOUSLY.

HE WORKS FOR A COMMON GROUND.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE LABOR THE POINT OTHER THAN IT HAS TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PROCESSES FROM OUR POINT OF RU.

WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE ELEVEN HOST COMMUNITY GROUP AGREEMENTS, SIX RETAIL, FOUR MEDICINAL, ONE MANUFACTURING.

IS ONE IN THE WEST ROXBURY LOCATIONS?

>> NO.

>> SO I THINK THEY'RE WAITING ON THEIR HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT. IS THAT CORRECT?

>> I WOULD HAVE TO GET A STATUS UPDATE.

>> AGAIN I DON'T WANT TO FOCUS ON ONE COMPANY OR OPERATOR OTHER THAN THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ONES THAT CAME TO ME.

THERE WAS A INCREDIBLY ROBUST COMMUNITY PROCESS.

THE OPERATORS AGREED TO DO A PRIVISO IT WOULD BE MEDICINAL ONLY.

THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE NEXT STEPS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

IN THE MEANTIME A WOULD-BE COMET TORE HAS APPROACHED WITHIN BLOCKS THEY ARE.

CLEARLY VIOLATING THE WOULD-BE BUFFER ZONE.

THAT'S UNFAIR TO ME.
THEY HAVE DONE EVERYTHING BY THE
RULE.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE WOULD-BE
COMPETITOR IS NOT A EQUITY
APPLICANT.
IT SHOWS THERE IS NO, BECAUSE OF
THE GREY AREA THEY'RE IN THEY
COULD BE AT A SEVERE
DISADVANTAGE.
IT'S NOT FARE.
THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE
PROCESS, MET WITH NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATIONS, AGREED TO BE
MEDICINAL ONLY.
YOU THINK IT'S A EXAMPLE WHY WE
NEED TO DO THIS RIGHT AND ACT
QUICKER ON THESE THINGS.
YOU HAVE THIS GREY AREA.
I WILL AGAIN, I MENTIONED THIS
TO ALEXIS WE WILL CONTINUE TO
TALK ABOUT THIS AHEAD.
WHEN IS THE NEXT -- IS IT TRUE
THAT A COMPANY WITH A NON
OPPOSITION LETTER, THAT DOES NOT
HAVE A ACA CAN NOT THEN, THEY
CAN'T GO TO THE ZBA.
THEY DON'T HAVE THE HCA.
>> THE NON OPPOSITION LETTERS
DON'T GO BEFORE THE ZBA.
IT WAS A SEPARATE PROCESS.
THEY WON'T HAVE TO GO BACK
BEFORE THE ZBA.
>> ANYONE SITED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL YOU WERE THE SIGHTING.
THEY WENT TO THE STATE AND DPH.
THEY'RE STRUGGLING WITH PULLING
THE MEDICAL NO THEM.
ORIGINALLY MEDICAL WAS WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
THEY HAVE TO ABSORB THE PUBLIC
PROCESSES.
YOUR LETTER WENT TO THE
COMMISSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
VET.
THE CITY WON'T PULL THEM BACK
FOR A ZONING REQUIREMENT.
WE'RE OPEN TO WORKING WITH YOU
GUYS ON HOW TO GRANDFATHER THE
ONES THE COUNCIL HAD SIGNED OFF
AND APPROVED.
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO PULL THAT
BACK.
>> SO THERE IS, THERE IS

RECOGNITION THEY WENT THROUGH A PROCESS.

I HAVE TO EQUAL HEE PUT ON THE TABLE THE RECOGNITION THE PROCESS THEY NOW HAVE TO GO TO FOR A DIFFERENT LICENSE HAS DIFFERENT STEPS.

>> RIGHT.

SO WE WILL RECOGNIZE WHAT THEY DID.

FOR INSTANCE WE, WE CAN'T BRING A MEDICAL COMPANY TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SAY THESE FOLKS ARE HERE.

THEY WANT TO RUN A MEDICAL BUSINESS.

SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE WE GIVE THEM A RECREATIONAL LICENSE.

WE HAVE TO REENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN THAT CONVERSATION. WE HAVE TO REENGAGE.

>> AGREED.

>> THERE WAS NO HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT IN THAT PROCESS EITHER.

THERE ARE STEPS THEY WOULD HAVE TO REDO.

NOT REDO.

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE LETTER AND PROCESS.

WE DO HAVE TO AUGMENT THAT PROCESS FOR A NEW LICENSE AND MAKE SURE THERE IS A PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND OR DISCUSSION. THAT IS NEEDED BEFORE THEY CAN SUBMIT BACK TO THE STATE.

>> OKAY.

THEY DO NEED NHCA BEFORE THE CCC?

>> YES.

>> YES.

>> YES.

>> SO THEY'RE -- LIMBO WE USE THAT WORD.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE. STUCK.

THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO BEFORE THEY GET THE HCA.

>> I ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEE THIS AS A NEW LICENSE.

I ENCOURAGE -- I GET THEY HAVE A MEDICAL LICENSE.

THE REGULATION CHANGE FOR MEDICAL AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE

THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE.
WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
ENGAGEMENT.
THEY WILL GO TO THE CCC FOR A
DIFFERENT LICENSE.
THEY SHOULD COME TO US AND
FIGURE OUT A HOST COMMUNITY
AGREEMENT.
ONCE AGAIN THE HOST COMMUNITY
AGREEMENT THEN NEEDS TO HAVE
SOME PROCESS BACK IN THE
COMMUNITY.
A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T THINK IT'S
FARE.
THEY WENT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR A
MEDICAL ONLY BUSINESS.
>> THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE
CONTINUING TO DO.
>> THEY'RE NOT CHANGING.
THAT.
>> FOR THE MEDICAL ONLY BUSINESS
THAT'S FINE.
I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU SAY
RECREATIONAL.
>> NO, THAT'S THE CONCERN.
>> WEST ROXBURY LOCATION HAS
BEEN WAITING AND I GUESS THIS
GOES TO THE EARLIER POINT.
TALKING ABOUT POSSIBLY THE
BUFFER ZONE AND MAKING
EXEMPTIONS.
I THINK THAT IS, THAT IS FAR TOO
PREMATURE TO HAVE THE
CONVERSATIONS WHEN WE'RE MOVING
AT A GLACIER PACE.
FOLKS ARE WAITING AND WAITING.
WE HAVE TEN RETAIL AND MEDICAL.
TWO CURRENTLY OPERATING AT THIS
POINT.
I VALUE THE WORK LED BY THE
CHAIRMAN ON THIS.
THAT IS A WAY TO MAKE SURE NO
NEIGHBORHOOD BARES THE BRUNT OF
IT.
ANY TALK OF MAKING EXEMPTIONS IS
INCREDIBLY PREMATURE WITH THE
CITY MOVING SO SLOWLY.
ONE OF THE REASONS WE WORKED SO
HARD ON THE LAST ONE.
WHEN WILL THE NEXT, WHEN WILL
THE NEXT BATCH OF HCAs BE
RELEASED?
>> ALL THE HCAs ARE CURRENTLY
POSTED ON-LINE.

>> HOW MANY, HOW MANY
DISPENSARIES ARE WAITING FOR
THEIR HCAs.
>> ALL THOSE APPROVED BY THE
ZBA ARE CURRENTLY ON-LINE.
>> YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE
IN THE PIPELINE.
>> YES.
>> WE WILL GET THAT TO YOU.
>> OVER 200.
>> OVER 200 THAT'S A REMARKABLY
HIGH NUMBER.
>> OVER 200 SUBMITTED THE
ON-LINE APPLICATION.
OVER 00 HAVEN'T SUBMITTED
1010s TO MOVE US THROUGH THE
PROCESS.
I THINK AT THAT NUMBER, I HAVE
TO CHECK ANDñr CONFIRM.
I THINK IT'S WELL UNDERñi A
HUNDRED.
50 OR SOMETHING.
I HAVE TO CONFIRM THAT NUMBER.
STEP TWO, THE NUMBER DECREASES
DRAMATICALLY.
STEP TWO IS SHOWING YOU HAVE
CONTROL OF THE SITE.
GOING IN AND FILING A
APPLICATION WITH THE CITY THAT
THEN MOVES US TO A DENIAL
PROCESS.
IT'S IMPORTANT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND
THAT.
STEP TWO, FOR THE ZBA HEARING.
IT'S NOT STOP, DON'T DO THIS.
A LOT OF PEOPLE GET CONFUSED
WITH THAT.
YOU HAVE APPEAL THE DENIAL.
UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S HOW THE
PROCESS GOES.
STEP TWO THERE IS A FAR LOW YOU
ARE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH SITE
CONTROL AND SUBMITTED TO THE
CITY.
>> OKAY.
SOY HAVE THIS CLEAR.
I HATE TO BE PAROCHIAL.
I'M A DISTRICT COUNSELOR.
AS IT RELATES TO THE, TO THE
SPEAKING TO COMPASSIONS
SOMEWHERE A BUSINESS LOOKING TO
OPERATE ON THE DENIM BORDER.
A LETTER OF NON OPPOSITION FROM
THIS BODY, HAS GONE THROUGH

COUNT LESS COMMUNITY MEETINGS,
FOUR OR FIVE LETTERS OF NON
OPPOSITION FROM DIRECT ABUTTERS
AND SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS, A
UNANIMOUS VOTE FROM THIS BODY,
WAITING ON THEIR HCA.

WHEN WILL THEY RECEIVE IT.

>> COUNCIL, I'M AWARE OF THAT
LOCATION.

I WILL GET YOU A ANSWER TODAY.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION
RIGHT NOW.

WE WILL GET IT TO YOU.

>> THEY WILL NOT THEN.

ONCE THEY GET THE HCA THEY WON'T
HAVE TO GO TO ZBA?

>> NO, IT'S NOT MY INTENTION TO
BRING THEM BEFORE THE ZBA.
THE CCC WILL WANT TO SEE THE
HCA.

THAT IS PROOF THAT THE TOWN IS
OKAY.

WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW IS YOUR
LETTER OF NON OPPOSITION THEY
NOW HONOR BUT THEY WANT A HCA.
I WILL FIND YOU WHERE THE HCA IS
TO LET THE RESIDENTS OF YOUR
DISTRICT KNOW.

>> THE WOULD BE COMPETITOR
MOVING A BLOCK OR SO AWAY, WHO I
HAVEN'T MET WITH.
THERE WAS A SOMETHING FROM THEIR
ATTORNEY.

I SAID THERE IS A BUFFER ZONE
FOR A REASON.

WHEN WILL THEIR -- I ASSUME
THEIR APPLICATION REJECTED GIVEN
THE FACT THIS IS ALREADY.

>> BECAUSE OF THE FACT OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS IS THE
APPEAL TO GET AROUND THE BUFFER
ZONE LEGALLY.

WE WON'T TELL THEM THEY CAN'T
APPLY.

THEY GO THROUGH THE PROCESS.
THE COMMUNITY WILL LIKELY TELL
THEM THEY DON'T WANT THEM THERE.
THEN ON THEIR OWN THEY CAN
CHOOSE TO GO TO THE ZBA.

THE AMOUNT OF THE OPPOSITION THE
ZBA WOULD PROBABLY VOTE IT DOWN.

>> THAT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF
EVERYONE'S TIME.

[APPLAUSE]

>> COUNSELOR.
COUNSELOR --
>> -- AND MONEY.
>> -- EVERYONE KNOWS THE BUFFER
ZONE EXISTS.
WE CAN'T DENY A INDIVIDUAL THE
DUE PROCESS TO OPEN A NEW
BUSINESS.
IF I WANT TO OPEN A MARIJUANA
CLINIC NEXT DOOR TO BEACONS
COMPASSION I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO
DO SO.
AS THE CITY OF BOSTON WE PUT
THEM THROUGH THE PROCESS.
IT'S UP TO THEM KNOWING THEY
HAVE THE HURDLES.
IT'S NOT FOR ME TO TELL THEM NO.
>> WHAT IF THEY WANT A RETAIL
SHOP DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET
FROM A SCHOOL.
>> AGAIN THEY CAN GO FORWARD.
THERE ARE BUFFER ZONES.
JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE THE BUFFER
ZONES WE ASAHD MINISTRATION SAYS
YOU'RE VIOLATING A BUFFER ZONE.
WE CAN'T SUPPORT YOU.
THAT DOESN'T STOP YOUR LEGAL
RIGHT PROCESS TO SEEK READDRESS.
ALL OF THE BUFFER ZONES WE HAVE.
YOU GO BEFORE THE ZBA TO GET
RELIEF FROM IT FROM THE ZBA.
>> I KNOW HOW HARD YOU WORK,
IT'S MIND BOGGLING.
IT'S HARDER TO BUILD A SHED IN
THE BACKYARD THEN TO OWE
IMPORTANTUALLY OPEN A MARIJUANA
DISPENSARY.
IT SHOULDN'T BE.
IT SHOULD BE THE OTHER WAY
AROUND.
[APPLAUSE]
>> I LOOK FORWARD, I HAVE TAKEN
UP ENOUGH TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN.
LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THAT
ANSWER.
>> COUNSELOR BAKER, SAME SUBJECT
MATTER.
>> VERY QUICK, MY PROCESS A
STKPWRAOEED TO DO JUST MEDICAL
IN THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS
NEGOTIATED WAS NEGOTIATED.
WE THOUGHT WAS A COMMUNITY HOST.
THEY GOT THE 3%.
WE TALKED ABOUT HOURS OF

OPERATION, SECURITY, ALL OF THAT STUFF IS IN PLACE THERE.

YOU SAY THAT THEY NEED A NEW ONE OF THOSE BECAUSE IT SOUNDS TO ME I WAS BETTER AT NEGOTIATING THEN THE COMMUNITY HOST WAS.

I WOULD BE CONSIDERED ABOUT THAT.

>> SAY THAT AGAIN.

>> SO WHEN THEY MOVE FORWARD.

>> WHO IS THEY?

>> I'M NOT SHOWER THE ORGANIZATION IS.

SO THEY -- THEY MADE CONCESSIONS.

WE HAMMERED OUT AN AGREEMENT 3% OF GROSS I BELIEVE.

THAT WAS ACTUALLY THAT POINT COMING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

I GUESS IT GOES TO A GENERAL FUND.

WE TALKED ABOUT SECURITY I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE HOLDUP THERE.

I BELIEVE THEY WENT TO ZONING AND APPROVED AT ZONING.

DO YOU -- WE CAN TALK OFF-LINE, JEROME.

>> YES.

WE SUPPORTED THAT.

I WILL BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT.

AS FAR AS I'M CONSIDERED CLAP STREET HAS ALL OF THE SIGN OFFS AND A COMMUNITY HOST AGREEMENT.

I'M NOT SURE IF THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE CITY SIDE STOPPING THEM.

I'M HAPPY TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION.

>> MY QUESTION IS THAT HOST AGREEMENT THAT I NEGOTIATED IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE STATE.

>> COUNSELOR, LET ME LOOK INTO THAT.

>> OKAY.

>> MAKE SURE IT MEETS CCC.

>> THE REASON BEING THERE IS ONE THAT OPENS UP IN MY DISTRICT.

THEN WE GET BACK TO THE WHOLE WORLD NOT FALLING DOWNED AROUND THE BUSINESS.

WE NEED TO ALLOW SOME OPEN UP AND SEE PEOPLE SEE IT THAT'S WHY I NEGOTIATED THIS ONE.

IN THE HOST AGREEMENT SAYS THEY
WON'T COME BACK FOR RECREATIONAL
UNTIL THE DATE WAS, I THINK
2020.

THANK YOU.

WE WILL TALK OFF-LINE.

>> THROUGH THE CHAIR.

COUNSELOR ZAKIM.

>> THANK YOU.

I HAVE A SIMILAR SITUATION IN MY
DISTRICT.

JEROME IS FAMILIAR ON NEW BERRY
STREET.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MONTHS OR
OVER A YEAR PLUS NOW.

FOR MEDICINAL WENT THROUGH THE
SAME PROCESS.

THERE WAS A MIXED RESPONSE IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

PEOPLE WENT TO A HALF DOZEN
MEETINGS.

SOME FOR AND AGAINST.

THERE IS JUST THE LIMBO.

IT'S A PROBLEM.

AGENCY I MENTIONED AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE HEARING HARDLY
A WEEK GOES BY WHERE A NEW
APPLICANT DOESN'T APPLY OR COME
IN FOR DISTRICT EIGHT.

AS COUNSELOR OWE MA'AM MALE
MENTIONED HE DOESN'T WANT TO
SUPPORT OTHER APPLICANTS IN THE
HALF MILE BUFFER OF AN EXISTING
AREA.

THIS IS DIFFICULT TO HAVE
MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS.

I WANT TO GET INTO THE
SPECIFICS.

SOME POINTS MADE BY MY
COLLEAGUES.

>> IF THESE COULD BE MOVED BY
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FOR CLARITY
OF THE BUSINESSES,
NEIGHBORHOODS, THIS IS OFF TOPIC
OF THIS HEARING.

I WILL STOP THERE.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US AS WE
CONTINUE THIS PROCESS.

THANK YOU MR., CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR.

>> THANK YOU.

I WILL STATE A BRIEF STATEMENT
AND GO INTO SOME QUESTIONS.