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MICHAEL FLAHERTY FOR THE EXCISE RATE UNDER MASS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 64G SECTION 3A AND ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONALIZED CHAPTER 64G SECTIONS 3DA, 3DB ALLOWING CITIES AND TOWNS TO IMPOSE A COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE ON SHORT TERM RENT ULSZ.

THIS MATTER WAS SPONSORED BY MATTERREN J. WALSH AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF OPERATIONS BACK ON APRIL 10 OF 2019.

JOINING US IN ORDER OF THEIR

ARRIVAL TO MY LEFT IS CITY

COUNCILOR HE'D FLYNN AND

COUNCILOR MCCARTHY, BAKER,

CIOMMO AND LYDIA EDWARDS.

OVER THE COURSE OF LAST YEAR,

MAYOR WALSH AND HIS

ADMINISTRATION SPENT A

SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME TO

MAKE SURE THE CITY OF BOSTON

REGULATED THE SHORT TERM RENTAL

AGENCIES.

THE REGULATORY POLICIES WERE

PASSED ON JUNE 2018 AND WENT

INTO EFFECT AS CITY LAW ON

JANUARY 1ST OF 2019.

THEY WERE ENACTED TO MAKE SURE

OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WERE NOT

NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE

GROWING INDUSTRY AND THE CITY

WOULD MEET ITS GOALS.

THIS ORDER SEEKS TO ACCEPT THE

ADJUSTMENT OF THE LOCAL ROOM

OCCUPANCY EXCISE RATE BY .05%

FOR ALL LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

AND SEEKS THE ALLOW THE CITY OF

BOSTON TO ALLOW THREE LOCAL

OPTIONS.

ONE A LOCAL ROOM OCCUPANCY

EXCISE UP TO 6.5 ON SHORT TERM

RENTALS.

TWO A LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE

OF 3% ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

STAYS PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED AND

THREE AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL

COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE ON SHORT

TERM RENTAL SPACE AND LOCALLY

DEFINED QUOTE OWNER ADJAC UNITS.

THESE EXCISE AND COMMUNITY
EXCISE FEES WILL HELP MITIGATE
THE IMPACT OF SHORT TERM RENTALS
ON LONG TERM HOUSING STOCK.
THIS IS THROUGH EXCISE AND
COMMUNITY IMPACT FEES WILL BE A
DEDICATED SORT OF REVENUE FOR
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS
HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WE'RE JOINED HERE BY JUSTIN, THE
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET OFFICE, LEILA
DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT OF HOUSING
DECISION AND MAR SEE DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS FROM D AND D.

I'LL DEFER TO YOU WHO WOULD
START TO ENTER INTO A DISCUSSION
ON THIS MATTER.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR AND ALL
THE COUNCILORS FOR BEING HERE
TODAY WE APPRECIATE IT FOR
INVITING US HERE TO TESTIFY.
AS YOU MENTIONED MY NAME IS
JUSTIN I'M THE CITY'S BUDGET
DIRECTOR HERE TO OFFER TESTIMONY
ON DOCKET 06 4.

I'M JOINED BY LEILA AND MAR SEE
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT WHO
WILL GET INTO THE DETAILS OF THE
SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS FOR THIS
FUNDING WHICH WE ARE EXCITED TO
TALK ABOUT.

JUST TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE
BACKGROUND THE DOCKET EXCISE
UNDER MASS GENERAL LAW 64G WHEN
THE STATE UNDERTOOK SHORT TERM
RENTAL LAW CHANGE EARLIER THIS
YEAR.

THIS IS ALL TOGETHER INTO EFFECT
AT THE STATEWIDE LEVEL ON JULY
1ST OF 2019.

SO SOON COMING.

THIS ALLOWS US TO DO THREE
THINGS AS YOU MENTION.
ADJUST THE ENTIRE ROOM OCCUPANCY
FOR BOTH HOTELS, MOTELS AND NEW
SHORT TERM RENTALS UP TO SIX
AND-A-HALF% LOCAL EXCISE AND
ACCEPT TWO LOCAL PROVISIONS TO
ASSESS COMMUNITY IMPACT FEES FOR
SHORT TERM RENTALS ON OWNER
ADJACENT UNITS AND
PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED UNITS.
THE ORDERS SUBMITTED TODAY ARE

VITAL TO ENSURING THE CITY CAN CONTINUE TO INVEST IN CRITICAL HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS.

AS YOU KNOW THE CITY IS LIMITED IN OUR ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUE SO WE NEED TO USE THE TOOLS WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSALS TO BOTTLE TONE YOUNG AS EXPECTED.

OVER 70% OF OUR REVENUE COMES FROM PROPERTY TAXES WHICH ARE HAPPENED AT 2.5% STATE AID DECLINES IN FY20 AND WE ARE LIMITED IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE STREAMS WE'RE ABLE TO COLLECT. WE DO NOT ASSESS AN INCOME TAX LIKE NEW YORK CITY.

WE DO NOT HAVE A LOCAL SALES TAX LIKE DENVER SO WE HAVE TO USE THE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE REVENUE WE NEED.

THE ORDER BEFORE YOU TODAY WILL GENERATE DESIRES 5 MILLION ANNUALLY DEDICATED TOWARDS HOUSING PROGRAM AND SERVICES. THIS INCLUDES 4 HAD MILLION TO FUND SUPPORT OF HOUSING CREATION AND 1 MILLION TO SUPPORT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMELESS INITIATIVES THAT MY COLLEAGUES WILL GET INTO IN A MINUTE.

THIS WILL TRANSLATE INTO NEW CAPACITY FOR NEW INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING NEARLY DOUBLING THE CITY FUNDED BUDGET NEXT YEAR WHICH WE THINK IS A REALLY BIG TESTAMENT TO THE TYPE OF NEW REVENUE STREAM THIS IS GOING TO FIND FOR US BUT WE ARE MINDFUL AS YOU ALL KNOW TOURISM CONTINUES TO BE A VITAL INDUSTRY IN BOSTON THAT GENERATES BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF ECONOMIC IMPACT. THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS GENERATED AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL IN TERMS OF TAXES SO WE WANT TO BE VERY MINDFUL OF THAT STROY.

THIS ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX WILL STILL KEEP US BELOW MAJOR COMPETITIVE CITIES LIKE SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO, NEW YORK, HOUSTON, SO WE ARE CONFIDENT

THAT THIS WILL REMAIN
COMPETITIVE.

AND THE EFFECT ON AVERAGE
NIGHTLY RENTAL IS ABOUT A DOLLAR
SO WHILE THAT IS NOT SORT OF AN
INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY,
THIS IS SMALL AND WE THINK THAT
BECAUSE OF THE CITY'S ALREADY
HIGH HOTEL OCCUPANCY RATES WE
DON'T ANTICIPATE THIS SLIGHT
INCREASE TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON
THAT.

IF THIS ORDER IS PASSED IT WILL
GO INTO EFFECT WITH THE STATE
LAW ON JULY 1ST AND WITH THAT
I'LL TURN IT OVER TO LEILA AND
MAR SEE TO TALK THROUGH SPECIFIC
INVESTMENTS.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME
TODAY.

MY NAME IS MARCY I'M AT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AT DND
WE WORK TO BUILD STRONG
COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO
STABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
FOR ALL.

TO DO THIS WE HAVE A BUDGET
THAT'S JUST OVER A HUNDRED
MILLION DOLLARS.

THIS YEAR IS THE FIRST YEAR WITH
THIS INCREASE IT WILL BE AT 105.
AND TO DO THIS, WE WORK TO
CREATE AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING WHICH IS \$39.2 MILLION
OF OUR FY20 BUDGET.

WE HAVE EFFORTS TO END
HOMELESSNESS WHICH IS \$38.3
MILLION, STRENGTHEN
HOMEOWNERSHIP, \$12 MILLION
PREVENT DISPLACEMENT AND
STABILIZE HOUSING 2.6 MILLION
AND DAMAGE ON PROPERTY IS 2.7
FOR A TOTAL OF 105 MILLION.
THIS BUDGET IS BROKEN INTO
DIFFERENT SOURCES SO FROM
EXTERNAL GRANTS, WE HAVE 64.9
MILLION.

NEXT YEAR.

AND IN THIS POLITICAL CLIMATE
WE FIGHT TOOTH AND NAIL TO KEEP
THOSE FUNDS EVERY YEAR.
AND WE ALSO HAVE 20.1 MILLION
FROM IDP AND WHAT'S EXCITING
WE'RE SEEING AN INCREASE FROM

14.2 MILLION IN FY19 TO FY20 20
PAST 6 MILLION.

THAT'S A 45% INCREASE.

WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE POINT
THAT CREATES TO HELP MORE HOME
LESS INDIVIDUALS.

AND LEILA WILL TELL US MORE HOW
WE PLAN TO USE THAT FUNDING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE WORK
WE'RE DOING AROUND ENDING
HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY.

MY NAME IS LEILA BERNSTEIN, I AM
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING
DIVISION AT DND AND ADVISOR TO
THE MAYOR ON THE MISSION TO END
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

AS YOU ALL KNOW VERY WELL IN
OCTOBER OF 2014, THE -- LONG
ISLAND WAS CONDEMNED.

THE HOMELESS SHELTER HAD TO BE
RELOCATED IMMEDIATELY.

AT THAT TIME MAYOR WALSH TOOK
THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A TASK
FORCE NOT JUST TO LOOK AT THE
CURRENT CRISES IN FRONT OF HIM
BUT TO ALSO THINK ABOUT HOW
WE'RE ENDING HOMELESSNESS AT THE
CITY OF BOSTON NOT JUST
ADDRESSING THE CRISES OF
HOMELESSNESS.

AS A RESULT OF THAT THE TAX
FORCE RELEASED AN ACTION PLAN TO
END VETERAN CRIME AND
HOMELESSNESS IN JUNE OF 2015.

I'M GOING TO DESCRIBE A LITTLE
BIT ABOUT THE OUTCOMES OF THAT
PLAN AND WHY IT IS WE'RE LOOKING
FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONTINUE
TO ACHIEVE RESULTS.

BEFORE I DO THAT I NEED TO
DEFINE A FEW TERMS.

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IS LONG
TERM HOMELESSNESS, PEOPLE WITH
SOME FORM OF WHAT THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TERMS DISABLING
CONDITION.

THAT MIGHT BE A SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDER OR LONG TERM CONDITION
OR A PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

IT'S A SUBSET OF PEOPLE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

IT TENDS TO BE ABOUT 10% OF THE

HOMELESS POPULATION THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

BUT USE ALMOST 50% OF THE SHELTERING RESOURCES BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTING HOMELESSNESS.

IT'S A VERY VULNERABLE POPULATION BUT IT'S ALSO A POPULATION THAT IS BEING SERVED QUITE A BIT BY THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM.

ANOTHER DEFINITION IS TO DEFINE PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING.

PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING IS LONG TERM SUBSIDIZED HOUSING WITH SUPPORT OF SERVICES THAT ARE OFFERED TO TENANTS IN THAT HOUSING AND THAT HELPS PEOPLE MAINTAIN THEIR TENANCY.

AND THEN LAST HOUSING IF YOU ARE IS A POLICY APPROACH THAT OFFERS HOUSING WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

SO THE WAY WE WEND CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT IS BY HAVING ENOUGH PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING AND USING A HOUSING FIRST APPROACH.

HOUSING FIRST IS IN CONTRAST TO PREMETHODS OF WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHICH WE'VE MOVED AWAY FROM WHICH USED TO BE MORE ABOUT COMPLIANCE IN A PROGRAM ASKING PEOPLE TO GET SOBER BEFORE THEY WERE OFFERED HOUSING OR MAKING SURE PART OF THEIR TREATMENT PLAN AND COMPLY WITH RULES SOMETIMES FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE HOUSING IS OFFERED.

IT REALLY REVERSES IT SO HOUSING IS A BASIC RIGHT AND PEOPLE NEED A PLATFORM OF STABILITY BEFORE THEY CAN START TO LOOK AT OTHER ISSUES THAT THEY MAY NEED TO WORK ON.

SO, THE ACTION PLAN HAS CHANGED HOW WE DO BUSINESS RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS AS A CITY BUT ALSO A COMMUNITY OF PROVIDERS THAT WORK ON HOMELESSNESS.

SO WE'RE MUCH MORE DATA DRIVEN NOW.

WE ARE MUCH MORE COLLABORATIVE

ACROSS AGENCIES AND BUREAUCRACIES.
FOR EXAMPLE THERE'S A MEETING THAT IS CONVENED AT DND AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSION COME, BOSTON HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS, BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE OUTREACH TEAM AND THEIR HOUSING TEAM AND OTHER PROVIDERS. THEY SIT AND LOOK AT THE LIST OF NAME AT PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WITH THE LIST WE PULL OUT OF OUR DATABASE. THEY WORK ON HOW TO GET THOSE FOLKS HOUSED. SO IT'S DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT FROM HOW THINGS WERE WORKING JUST A FEW YEARS AGO. SO WE'RE, THROUGH THAT METHOD AND OTHER USES OF TECHNOLOGY AND DIFFERENT WAYS WHICH WE'RE COLLABORATING PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS THE LONGEST ARE OFFERED AS THEY COME UP IN OUR EXISTING PORTFOLIO. AND ALSO LEVERAGED OR CREATED 300 NEW UNITS OF PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING. WE'VE BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL SO WHEN WE STARTED THE EVIDENT, THERE WERE 612 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND SINCE THEN WE'VE HAD 735 CHRONIC HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING AND OVER 4,000 YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS. HOWEVER WE ARE NOT AT ZERO CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. THAT WAS THE INTENTION AND THE GOAL OF THE MAYOR'S ACTION PLAN WHICH WAS TO EXPAND FROM 2015 TO 2018. WE HOUSED MORE PEOPLE THAN WERE ON THAT ORIGINAL LIST BUT EVERY TIME WE GO TO REVENUE RISK -- SO IT'S CLEAR THAT THE DEMAND FOR PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING IS OUTSTRAINING OUR SUPPLY. WE'VE -- OUTSTRAINING OUR

SUPPLY.

WE'VE -- STRIPPING SUPPLY WHERE THE NUMBER OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAS GONE UP BETWEEN TO 2016 AND 2017 IT INCREASED BY 12% SO WE ARE BENDING THE TREND IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BUT WE'RE NOT AT ZERO AND WE CERTAINLY NEED MORE RESEARCH TO CREATE MORE OF THIS PERMANENT HOUSING AND CREATE MORE OF A PIPELINE ONGOING.

ONGOING.

SO FOUR MILLION OF THE REVENUE RAISED FROM THIS PROPOSAL WILL HAVE THAT DIRECT IMPACT OF CREATING MORE PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING AND WILL AMPLIFY THE WORK WE'RE ALREADY DOING.

AS I WANT TO MENTION, WE ASKED ERIC TO COME TODAY AND HE'S GOING TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY LATER.

HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN HOUSING RUN BY THE -- AND IS ONE OF THOSE 135 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE HOUSED THROUGH THIS MAYOR'S INITIATIVE.

HE'S A PHENOMENAL SPEAKER AND WE'LL TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HIS JOURNEY A LITTLE BIT LATER ON.

WE INVITED AMY WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR PINE STREET TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT STEMMING FROM THIS PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE.

I ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS THE OTHER ONE MILLION FOR THE PROPOSAL.

THE FOUR MILLION WILL GO TO SUPPORT HOUSING FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

THE REMAINING MILLION IS TO BE SPENT ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS AMONG YOUNG YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS -- AMONG YOUTHS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

LAST SPRING DND LAUNCHED A PLANNING PROCESS AROUND CREATING A STRATEGIC PLAN A COMMUNITY PLAN TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS IN YOUNG ADULTS. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THAT PLAN WILL BE RELEASED IN THAT PLAN

PUBLICLY.

ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT THERE'S OVER
350 YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS IN OUR CITY.

WE DID RECEIVE A LARGE FEDERAL
GRANT FOR THAT EFFORT.

WE RECEIVED \$4.9 FOR THE NEXT
TWO YEARS TO SUPPORT HOUSING
INTERVENTION TO END YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS.

BUT WHAT I'VE LEARNED OVER THE
LAST YEAR AND-A-HALF IS THAT
HOMELESSNESS AMONG YOUNG ADULT
IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM CHRONIC
HOMELESSNESS.

THE RESPONSE IS PRIMARILY NOT
PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING BUT
INSTEAD TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY.

THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE, OFTEN
THEY ARE, THEIR EDUCATION HAS
BEEN INTERRUPTED.

THEY HAVEN'T YET BUILT A STRONG
WORK HISTORY AND IT IS OUR JOB
AND OUR DEAL WITH THE CITY TO
CREATE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.

AND THAT WILL BE PART OF THE
PATHWAY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.

SO WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR SYSTEMS
AND HOW EXISTING RESOURCES WORK
FOR USING YOUNG ADULTS.

WE KNOW THAT ESPECIALLY USING
YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OFTEN
FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS OF
EXISTING RESOURCES AND WE'RE
LOOKING FOR THE ONE MILLION TO
HELP REPAIR SOME OF THAT.

DND IS WORKING TOGETHER CLOSELY
WITH HHS AND BPS TO MAKE SURE
THAT THESE FUNDS DON'T DUPLICATE
ANYTHING THAT EXISTS BUT DOES
CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR USING
YOUNG ADULTS TO EXIT
HOMELESSNESS.

SO IN CONCLUSION, THE INCREASE
IN THE HOTEL TAX WOULD SERVE THE
MOTION VULNERABLE FOLKS IN OUR
COMMUNITY AND IN DOING SO IT
WOULD BE CLOSER TO ENDING
HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU JUSTIN, MARCY AND
LEILA.

I ALSO RECOGNIZE OUR

COMMISSIONER OF SPECIAL SERVICES
BUDDY CRYSTAL IS HERE ASTUTELY
LISTENING IN.

WHEN I SEE HIM I THINK OF THE
REGISTRATION AND OBVIOUSLY HAVE
A ROLE IN THIS REGULATION AS
WELL AND REMINDS ME OF THE JIM
BROOKS STABILIZATION PIECE WHERE
THE DATA COLLECTION I GUESS IF
YOU WILL.

WE'VE DISCUSSED SEVERAL
DIFFERENT SORT OF POOLS OF
MILLIONS.

SO I GUESS LIKE HOW ARE YOU ABLE
TO ESTIMATE THE AMOUNT OF
REVENUE THAT THIS BILL GENERATE?
DO WE CURRENTLY HAVE A DATABASE
OF ALL AIRBNB SHORT TERM RENTAL
PROPERTIES OR ARE WE TAKING A
POKE AT WHAT WE THINK IS OUT
THERE.

>> SURE.

>> THE VAST MAJORITY OF THIS NEW
FIVE MILLION WILL COME FROM THE
EXISTING ESTABLISHMENT LODGINGS
HOTELS AND MOTELS THROUGHOUT THE
CITY.

WE ARE ACTIVELY IMPLEMENTING THE
NEW ORDER TO START REGISTRY AND
START COLLECTING THAT DATA.
BUT THE CITY ALREADY COLLECTS
ABOUT \$100 MILLION WORTH OF
LOCAL OCCUPANCY SO THIS .5
PERCENTAGE INCREASE IS BASED ON
THE EXISTING REVENUE FIGURES WE
ALREADY COLLECT.

SO WE'RE PRETTY CONFIDENT WE'LL
COLLECT THE FULL FIVE MILLION.
THAT WILL COME FROM THE EXISTING
HOTELS.

>> THE SHORT TERM RENTAL THING
GETS IRONED OUT BETWEEN THE
STATE LEVEL AND POTENTIAL
LITIGATION, WHAT HAVE YOU, I
WOULD ARGUE THOSE ARE
CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES SO YOU'RE
BASING THAT ON SORT OF YOUR
EXISTING PORTFOLIO OF HOTELS AND
OTHER TAXABLE ITEMS AS THE FIVE
MILLION BUT PROBABLY THERE'S
GOING TO BE AN UPSIDE TO THAT.

>> YES.

THE BUDGET IS NATURALLY
CONSERVATIVE SO WE DON'T WANT TO

OVERPROMISE SO I THINK
ESPECIALLY THE COMMUNITY IMPACT
FEE OF WHICH A PORTION WILL NEED
TO GO TO HOUSING-RELATED
EFFORTS.

I THINK THE CITY IS ACTUALLY
GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND JUST WHAT
THE STATE IS ALLOWING BY
DEDICATING THE FULL FIVE MILLION
OF THIS FUNDING.

>> WHERE WOULD THAT BE HOUSED?
IS THAT, WHO WOULD OVERSEE THAT.
IS AT SOMETHING LIKE SERVICES
LIKE THE REGISTRATION AND JIM
BROOKS STABILIZATION?

>> THE EXCISE MONEY COMES IN AS
GENERAL FUND DOLLARS AND JUST
GET APPROPRIATED THIS YEAR IT'S
BEEN PROGRAMMED TO DND'S BUDGET
TO DO THE FIVE MILLION THAT
MARCY AND LEILA LAID OUT.
WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE
MECHANISM TO COLLECT THE
COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL
GUIDANCE FROM THE STATE.
THE LAGOS IN EFFECT ON JULY 1ST.
WE'RE TRYING TO GET OUR DO YOU DUCKS IN
A ROW.

>> IS THIS SORT OF A SHORT TERM
RENTAL FUND.

>> I DON'T THINK WE'VE GOTTEN
GUIDANCES WHETHER IT'S A SPECIAL
REVENUE ACCOUNT OR GENERAL FUND
DOLLARS FROM THE STATE.

I THINK THE INTENTION IS WE NEED
TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE FUNDING
IS BEING USED IN SOME CAPACITY
TO GO TOWARDS HOUSING.

WE DEFINITELY HAVE THOSE FUNDS
IRONED OUT.

I THINK THE COMMITMENT FROM THE
ADMINISTRATION AND THE MAYOR
THAT THE FIVE MILLION IN EXCISE
DOLLARS THAT'S GOING TO COME IN
AS A PART OF THIS OVERALL
ORDINANCE THE FIRST YEAR IT'S
GOING TOWARDS HOMELESSNESS
EFFORTS BUT IN FUTURE YEARS IT'S
GOING TO GO TOWARDS OTHER
HOUSING EFFORTS WHETHER IT'S
HOUSING CREATION, TENANCY
PRESERVATION OR OTHER AREAS OF
DND'S PORTFOLIO THEY OVERSEE.

>> WHAT ABOUT OVERHEAD COSTS,
STAFFING ON THE OVERSIGHT
REGULATORY.

>> I THINK THE BIGGEST THING
WE'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW WITH OUR
DATA IS WORKING WITH DO IT AND
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER'S
OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE.

WE DID ADD TO NO HOUSING
INSPECTORS IN THE FY20 BUDGET TO
MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS PLAYING BY
THE RULES AND EVERYONE IS SORT
ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

THAT'S THE STAFFING WE'VE ADDED
BUT WE THINK A LOT HAS BEEN
DRIVEN BY DATA.

>> BETWEEN THOSE TWO POSITIONS
CAN YOU STILL SORT OF A BALLPARK
COST OF THOSE POSITIONS.

>> SURE.

THE COST OF THOSE TWO POSES WAS
ABOUT A HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS.

OFF YESLY THAT WILL DEPEND ONCE
WE GET THEM POAFERSED AND
FILLED.

THE IT SYSTEM I WOULD HAVE TO
GET BACK TO YOU EXACTLY WHAT THE
COST IS BUT THAT'S SOMETHING
BUDGETED FOR FY19 WE ALREADY
STARTED TO IMPLEMENT.

>> AND THEN PENDING LITIGATION,
WILL PENDING LITIGATION HAVE ANY
IMPACT WITH THE CITY'S APILITY
TO COLLECT THE FUNDS.

>> WE DON'T BELIEVE SO.

THERE'S OBVIOUSLY AN ACTIVE
COURT CASE GOING ON RIGHT NOW
THAT AFFECTS SOME OF THE
PROVISIONS BUT NOT ALL OF THEM.

WE FEEL PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT
THIS ACTION THAT WE'RE PROPOSING
OR PUTTING IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY
IS OUTSIDE THE BOUNDS OF WHAT
THE LITIGATION'S ON.

>> MY COLLEAGUES, COUNCILOR ED
FLYNN?

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLAHERTY
AND THANK YOU TO THE PANELISTS
FOR BEING HERE.

JUSTIN, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME
THE CITY INCREASED OR RECEIVED
PERMISSION TO INCREASE THE HOTEL

MOTEL TAX?

>> SO THE INCREASE WAS GIVEN TO US BACK IN 2009 BY THE STATE. AT THAT TIME WE WENT FROM 4 TO 6%.

WE DID NOT GO TO THE FULL 6.5% BUT GIVEN TO THE CHARACTERISTICS AT THE MARKETING LEVEL AT THE STATE HOUSE WE DECIDED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE HOLISTIC APPROACH AND SORT OF AS WE WERE IMPLEMENTING THE SHORT TERM RENTAL PIECE IT WAS FOR EVERYONE AT 6.5%.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS ON THE HOUSING.

IS THE VETERAN HOUSING HOPING OUR HOMELESS VETERANS GET INTO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OR LOCATIONS AROUND THE CITY?

>> ACTUALLY THERE'S A HEARING LATER TODAY HOUSING FOR VETERANS AND I'LL BE ADDRESSING THAT.

THERE'S ACTUALLY QUITE A BIT OF FEDERAL FUNDING COME IN FOR HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND WE'VE SEEN EVEN GREATER IMPACT ON REDUCING HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS THROUGH THAT VOANLT OF THE FEDERAL FUND AND WE'VE DECREASED HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS BY 39% BY 2014. WE HAVEN'T SEEN THAT SAME TYPE OF DECREASE ACROSS THE GENERAL POPULATION BUT WE HAVE SEEN IT AMONG VETERANS.

WE INVESTED CITY RESOURCES INTO HOUSING PROJECTS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS SO ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS WERE IN -- CREATED EFFICIENCY AND ARE QUITE BEAUTIFUL ACROSS THE PLAZA. THERE'S A PROJECT THAT'S IN PROGRESS RIGHT NOW THAT WILL BE SPECIFICALLY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

AND PATRIOT HOMES ALSO OPENED WHICH IS PORTEDDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS.

THERE'S ONE OTHER I'M FORGETTING THAT WAS DEVELOPED RECENTLY.

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT.

WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO

COUNCILOR EDWARDS YESTERDAY TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES, HOMELESS VETERAN ISSUES. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US AND I KNOW, THAT'S THE, ONE OF BEST THINGS THE CITY HAS DONE IS REALLY MAKING SURE THAT OUR HOMELESS VETERANS ARE ABLE TO GET ACCESS TO HOUSING AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS, EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES AS WELL. SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR YOUR WORK ON HELPING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES.

>> I WAS AT THE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT A YEAR AGO, THE BRIDGE OR TROUBLED WATERS, DOWNTOWN BOSTON THEY GOT A HUD GRANT.

CAN YOU GIVE US A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON INFORMATION ON THAT PROGRAM.

>> ABSOLUTELY.

SO THAT IS, I BELIEVE YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE \$4. MILLION GRANT THAT WE ANNOUNCED BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS ALL SUMMER AND THAT IS SPECIFICALLY TO FUND THE HOUSING INTERVENTIONS THAT WILL BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS. SO BECAUSE IT'S MONEY COMING FROM HUD IT REALLY IS LOCKED INTO HOUSING.

LIKE I SAID, THERE'S SOME SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO MAYBE CAN'T EXIT HOMELESSNESS WITHOUT -- BUT MOST OF THE HOUSING INTERVENTION WE ANTICIPATE WILL FUND THAT HOUSING AND WILL BE MORE SHORT TERM THAN THAT.

IT WILL BE ESSENTIALLY A BRIDGE TO STABLE HOUSING THAT THEY COULD AFFORD ON THEIR OWN. IT WOULD BE MORE LIKELY A FEW YEARS OF ASSISTANCE IN THE PRIVATE MARKET PAIRED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION SO THAT WITHIN A FEW YEARS YOUTH AND

YOUNG ADULTS ARE ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME AND AFFORD THEIR OWN HOUSING.

>> THANK YOU.

I KNOW DURING YOUR OPENING COMMENTS YOU MENTIONED A FRIEND FROM PINE STREET INN THAT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO ERIC AND I KNOW AMY VERY WELL AND I'M PROUD THAT PINE STREET IS IN MY DISTRICT ALONG WITH ST. FRANCIS HOUSE, NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR HOMELESS RESIDENTS AND BOSTON RESCUE IS OUTSIDE OF MY DISTRICT.

I'M PROUD OF THE GREAT WORK OUR HOUSING ADVOCATES ARE DOING IN MY DISTRICT BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ACROSS OUR CITIES.

SO I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THEM AS WELL. AND BEGIN THANK YOU TO THE PANELISTS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR. CONTINUE MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR.

WELCOME TWICE IN ONE DAY, LUCK E ME.

JUST A QUICK QUESTION REGARDING THE \$4 MILLION FOR PERMANENT HOUSING.

THIS IS NEW PERMANENT HOUSINGS UNDERSTOOD, ARE WE WORKING WITH THE BHA.

THE REASON I ASK THAT IS WE HAVE THREE BHA DEVELOPMENTS IN DISTRICT FIVE.

WE HAVE OFTEN DALE, WE HAVE HYDE PARK WHICH IS EVEN MORE WASHINGTON DOWN AND B STREET WHICH IS REDONE THROUGH A GRANT WHICH IS IMPACT WILL YOU TELL. MORE PEOPLE, THEY'VE BUILT A COMMUNITY THERE IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE.

I WOULD ARGUE IF YOU SAID TEN YEARS TO ANYBODY IN ROSLINDALE BRING YOUR KIDS DOWN AND WE'LL MEET YOU AT THE B STREET DEVELOPMENT PLAYGROUNDS THEY WOULD SAY YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MINE WE'LL NEVER GO TO THAT

PLAYGROUND IT IS RUN DOWN.
BUT NOW IT IS A LOCATION AND
DESTINATION POINT.
WE'RE WORKING TO UPGRADE SOME OF
THE LOCATIONS NOW.

>> THERE IS NO HOPE SEVEN SO WE
REALLY HAD TO TRY TO THINK ABOUT
HOW WE ARE GOING TO STEP IN AND
FILL IN THE GAPS DEFINED BY THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

WE WERE REALLY PROUD TO DEDICATE
\$35 MILLION DOLLARS TO ORIENT
HEIGHTS AND TO OLD COLONIES.

WE ARE ABSOLUTELY ESTATIC TO
ANNOUNCE IN THE CAPITAL PLAN
NEXT WEEK WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT
A \$30 MILLION COMMITMENT TO THE
ONE CHARLESTOWN PROJECT AND I
THINK AS WE SORT OF CONTINUE TO
SEE THE LANDSCAPE AND WHAT
HAPPENS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL THE
CITY'S GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP
ASK TAKE ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY
THAN WE USED TO.

LET'S A CHALLENGE.

WE HAVE A LIMITED CAPITAL PLAN
AT THE END OF THE DAY AND WE
PROBABLY DON'T HAVE THE
WHEREWITHAL TO DO EVERY SITE SO
WE'RE GOING TO NEED PARTNERS
WHETHER IT'S AT THE STATE OR
FEDERAL LEVEL BUT WE KNOW IT'S
TOO IMPORTANT TO WAIT ON SOME OF
THESE INVESTMENTS IN NEW PLACES
OR REFURBISHMENTS SO WE HAVE TO
START IN THE BACKGROUND.

>> WE'RE PARTNERING WITH DHA ON
SOME OF THESE INITIATIVES.

I MENTION WE HAD LEVERAGED 300
UNITS.

SOME OF THOSE UNITS THAT WE
BROUGHT SERVICES INTO THE UNITS
SO THEY CAN BE OFFERED AS A
PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING
PACKAGE TO PEOPLE WHO HAD
HOMELESSNESS.

THEY HAD CERTIFIED 90 IMREUNTS.
IT'S BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL
EFFORT.

IT'S A FINITE STOCK OF HASSING.
IT'S NOT CLEAR BUT THEY ARE
PARTNERING THEIR BEST TO
DEDICATE SOME OF THAT HOUSING TO
THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US.

>> JUST TO ADD ON WHEN YOU SAID IT'S NOT GROWING, THAT WAS MY POINT WITH SOME OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. WE'RE WORKING WITH PRIVATE DEVELOPERS AND WE WERE ON OUR TRACK THAT WAY WITH THE PRIVATE DEVELOPER WHERE THEY WOULD BUILD A BUILDING. MOVE PEOPLE FROM ONE BUILDING INTO THE OTHER, RAISE THAT BUILDING SO ANOTHER BUILDING MOVES PEOPLE OVER SO THEY WOULDN'T BE DISPLACED BUT ADDING UNITS, DEVELOP EACH NEW BUILDING AND THAT WAY YOU CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE ANOTHER AGAIN A LOT LIKE B STREET REALLY ITS OWN COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER.
>> THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.
GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY.
CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT, ARE WE AS A CITY BUILDING ANY UNITS THAT THE CITY OWNS AND MAYBE LEASES BACK TO PINE STREET.

WHEN WE SAY WHAT BUILDING I'M FAMILIAR WITH FROM SOME OF THE MODELS LIKE AT ST. PETER'S PRIVATE DEVELOPERS THAT LEASES BACK.
IS THAT HOW WE'RE BUILDING THIS?
CAN YOU EXPLAIN SOME OF THE DIFFERENT MODELS FOR ME.

>> SURE.
THAT IS THE MODEL ESSENTIALLY THAT WE PROCURE THE MONEY OUT AND PARTNERSHIPS COME BACK AND THE FUNDS, THEY COMPETE FOR THE FUNDS AND THEN THEY HAVE TO LEVERAGE FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES AS WELL INCLUDING THE STATE.

SO PINE STREET INN IS PROBABLY THE LARGEST DEVELOPER. THEY TEAM UP WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO DEVELOP THIS TYPE OF HOUSING. SO THAT WILL SPEAK MORE TO THE MODEL.

BUT THERE ARE OTHER ST. FRANCIS HOUSE JUST DEVELOPED 48 BOYLSTON AND SOME OF THOSE UNITS ARE PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING

UNIT.
IT'S CITY FUNDING THAT GOES INTO
THESE PROJECTS BUT THE CITY
DOESN'T OWN THE BUILDING.
>> SO WITH THE YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS WOULD THAT BE THE
SAME MODEL?
ARE WE TRYING TO DO THAT SORT OF
MODEL ALSO AND THAT IF I HEARD
CORRECTLY WOULD BE TO PROVIDE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE THAT MAY
HAVE YOU KNOW LEFT HIGH SCHOOL
OR WHATEVER TRYING TO GET THE
WRAP AROUND SERVICES WOULD BE
HIGH SCHOOL AND PARTIALLY JOB
TRAINING AND HERE IS HOW YOU MAY
LIVE.
SO IT'S NOT LONG TERM SUPPORT OF
HOUSING FOR THAT YOUTH
POPULATION.
>> THAT'S CORRECT.
AND TYPICALLY WITH THE FUNDING
THAT WE RECEIVE WE DO PROCURE IT
OUT ON NON-PROFITS AND COMPETE
FOR THE FUNDING TO PROVIDE THOSE
TYPES OF SERVICES.
>> SO THE BUILDER THEIR HAS TO
COME TO DND AND SAY WE'RE DOING
THIS PROJECT HERE AND WOULD LIKE
TO APPLY FOR X AMOUNT OF DOLLARS
TO HELP US TO JUST KIND OF
SUPPLEMENT WHAT THEY ARE DOING.
>> THAT'S RIGHT.
IN THE CASE OF YOUNG ADULTS, WE
PROBABLY WON'T BE BUILDING A LOT
OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING BUT IT MAY
BE THERE ARE PROVIDERS LIKE
BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS THAT
ACTUALLY SEVEN SOME YOUTHS IN
THERE POPULATION AND OTHERS WHO
WILL BID FOR WHATEVER MODEL IT
IS THAT WE'VE DETERMINED IS
NEEDED.
AND THEY'LL PROVIDE THE SERVICES
FOR THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE.
>> OKAY, THANK YOU.
JUSTIN, AND I DON'T KNOW IF
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY ASKED THIS
ALREADY.
WHAT DO YOU FORESEE COMING FROM
AIR B AND B INCOME ON THIS WHERE
WE LIMITED AIRBNB.
HOW MUCH TOOTH IT IS.
DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF THAT.

>> WE TONIGHT QUITE YET.
WE'VE OBVIOUSLY RAMPING UP TO
REGISTER VOTES AND RAMPING UP
FOR THE STATE LOTTERY.
I THINK THE HOST IMPACT FEE
THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT PARTS OF
IT.
THERE'S THE OWNER ADJACENT ONES
WHICH WE DO ALLOW UNDER THE CITY
ORDINANCE AND THE ENTRY WHICH WE
DON'T ALLOW.
WE DON'T EXPECT ANY REVENUE FROM
THE OWNER INVESTOR UNIVERSITY
EXCUSE ME INVESTORS UNITS BUT WE
DO EXPECT THEM FROM THE OWNER
SIDE.
WE LOOK TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO
DEVELOP FROM THE REGISTRY SIDE
AND FROM THE STATE AS THEY START
TO COLLECT ON JULY 1.
WE'LL GET A BETTER SENSE AS WE
GET INTO THE NEXT PHYSICAL YEAR.
>> WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE
COMPANIES THAT WERE EXISTED THAT
WERE DOING THE CORPORATE RENTALS
FOR HOWEVER MANY YEARS THEY WERE
DOING IT.
HAS THAT BUSINESS FALLEN OFF?
IS THAT COMING UNDER THE AIRBNB
REGULATIONS.
>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION.
I HAVE TO ASK EITHER
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER OR THE
MAYOR'S OF TO GET AN ANSWER TO
THAT ONE.
>> MAYBE CHRISTINE WE CAN DO A
FOLLOW UP JUST TO SEE, GET A
SENSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH
THAT BUSINESS TREND.
THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.
>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS.
>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE
TODAY.
I JUST HAD SOME JUST SOME
CLARIFYING QUESTIONS.
FIRST, THE AMOUNT IS ABOUT SIX
MILLION, CORRECT.
>> WE'RE PROJECTING ABOUT FIVE
MILLION TO BE CORRECTED FROM THE
OCCUPANCY CHANGE.
>> OKAY.
THIS IS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.
>> YES.

>> I THINK COUNCILOR FLAHERTY NOTED THIS IS A CURRENT SERVICE ESTIMATE.

>> I THINK IT'S LIKE ALL LOCAL REVENUE IT IS DEPENDENT ON THE ECONOMY SO IT'S BASED ON THE AVERAGE ROOM RATE IN BOSTON. IF THAT GOES UP THAT CERTAINLY COULD BE CONSERVATIVE BUT IF IT GOES DOWN WE DO HAVE SOME DOWN SIDE RISKS POTENTIALLY.

>> JUST SOME QUESTIONS ON HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON.

>> THE MATURITY OF THE HOMELESS FOLKS WHO ARE IN BOSTON ARE NOT FROM BOSTON, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> FROM THE DATA THAT WE HAVE SO PEOPLE WHO REPORT THEIR PERMANENT LAST NAME ADDRESS MORE THAN HALF ARE REPORTING FROM OUTSIDE OF BOSTON.

>> A LOT OF SHELTERS ARE FILLED WITH FOLKS NOT FROM BOSTON, A LOT OF FOCUSES SPEAKING FROM -- A LOT OF THE RESOURCES THAT WE'RE USING IS FOR TRANSIENT POPULATION BUT MAJORITY OF OUR HOMELESS ARE NOT FROM BOSTON.

>> IS THAT STILL THE CASE WHEN IT COMES TO CHRONIC HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WE'RE REALLY ONLY LOOKING AT PEOPLE WHO HAVE HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON.

AT THAT POINT SOMEONE HOMELESS IN BOSTON FOR A YEAR OR LONGER. THE ADDRESS BEFORE WHEN THEY HAD A PERMA DRESS FROM OUTSIDE OF ADDRESS BUT NOW THEY'VE BEEN HOMELESS IN BOSTON FOR A YEAR OR LONGER.

>> OF THE BUDGETS THAT YOU HAD MENTIONED, MARCY, 38 MILLION IS ALREADY GOING TO HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON, RIGHT?

OF DND'S BUDGET.

THAT'S INCLUDING STAFF, THAT'S INCLUDING RESOURCES BUT ALSO DIRECT GRANTS TO, I DON'T KNOW, TO SEVERAL OF THE NON-PROFITS, TO PINE STREET, SO ON AND SO FORTH SO IT'S A COMBINATION OF THAT 38 THAT GOES OUT.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

[INDISCERNIBLE].

PRIMARILY THOSE ARE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT COME IN AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE FUNDS PAID FOR LONG TERM HOUSING FACTORS THAT LEVERAGE SERVICES SO WE DO HAVE I THINK ABOUT 1400 UNIT OF PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING. THAT'S PAID FOR THROUGH THAT GRANT AMONG OTHER THINGS. AND THOSE UNITS ARE FULL. THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF TURNOVER.

WE USE THAT TURNOVER TO HOUSE THE MOST VULNERABLE FOLKS ON OUR LIST BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSING WHO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 10, 20 YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE.

SO TO HAVE A PIPELINE OF NEW HOUSING THAT'S BEING CREATED IS REALLY HOW WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE NUMBERS.

>> RIGHT.

MY LINE OF QUESTION IS I'M SEEING 38 MILLION DOLLARS FOR HOME LOALSNESS BUT ONLY 2.6 FOR DISPLACEMENT.

BECAUSE OF THE HOME LIST POPULATION THE MAJORITY IS NOT FROM BOSTON BUT I DO KNOW AT LEAST ALL THE FOLKS ARE BEING DISPLACED IN BOSTON ARE FROM BOSTON.

I'M WONDERING IN TERMS OF THE PRIORITIZATION.

WHY MORE FUNDS OF THE SIX MILLION GOING TO PREVENT DISPLACEMENT IN BOSTON?

>> I WOULD MAYBE SAY TO JUMP ON A LITTLE BIT.

THE FOLKS WHO ARE HOMELESS ARE I THINK QUESTIONABLY THE MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS WE HAVE IN THE COMMONWEALTH WHETHER THEY'RE FROM BOSTON OR OUTSIDE THE CITY.

I THINK FINDING THEM PERMANENT SUPPORT OF HOUSING IS NOT A TOP PRIORITY IT'S ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES OF THE MAYOR AND THAT'S CERTAINLY IN THE DEPARTMENT.

WE ALSO FEEL THIS IS AN AREA WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIRVETION IN FY20.

GOING INTO FUTURE YEARS THIS FIVE MILLION COULD TOWARDS TOWARDS PRESERVATION OR HOUSING CREATION OR OTHER AREAS.

THIS WHERE WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN FY20 BUT POTENTIALLY REDIRECT THAT TO OTHER HOUSING EFFORTS IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS.

>> THE OTHER THING I WOULD NOTE WE DO HAVE 39.2 MILLION FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION WHICH I DO THINK IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT FOR DISPLACEMENT BECAUSE THAT'S CREATING NEW INCOME RESTRICTED UNITS WHERE ANYONE AT RISK AND NEEDING HOUSING CAN FIND A PLACE.

OF COURSE IT'S NOT ENOUGH AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE SEEKING FUNDING SOURCES LIKE THIS ONE.

BUT THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

>> ONE THAT WOULD ALSO GO TO I THINK THE COMMON FUND THAT'S ALREADY BEEN CREDIBLE AND IMPACTFUL IS NEW HOUSING TRUST. WHY NOT HAVE THIS FUNDING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WHERE WE CAN HELP BUILDINGS COMING ON-LINE ALREADY BY THE AFFORDABILITY SO WE CAN HAVE MORE UNITS THEREBY SETTING ASIDE UNITS REQUIREMENTS WHY NOT PUT IT TOWARDS THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING TRUST WHICH WHERE THE FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO AFRICANS AND GRANT, FOLKS WHO ARE BUILDING RIGHT NOW IN BOSTON AND MAKING SURE SOME OF THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT'S UNDER FUNDED AS WELL.

>> I WOULD SAY FROM A TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVE IT'S A LITTLE BIT HARD BECAUSE THIS MONEY IS GENERAL FUND DOLLARS AT THE END OF THE DAY IT COMES FROM THE STATE AND COLLECT IT AND REMIT IT BACK TO US.

IT'S HARD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OF THIS NEW .5 INCREASE IS ACTUALLY RELATED TO EACH HOTEL OR WHATEVER IT HAPPENS TO BE. I THINK THE POINTER OF PUTTING

IN DND WAS TO MOVE IT BETWEEN THESE DIFFERENT TYPES OF REALLY CRITICAL POLICY AREAS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

AND I THINK THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS CERTAINLY A GREAT RESOURCE.

THIS IS GOING TO GIVE US THE ABILITY TO LEVERAGE THE OTHER RESOURCES DND HAS AND GIVE US THE ABILITY FROM ONE YEAR IT NEEDS TO GO TO THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE.

NEXT YEAR THERE'S A BUILDING THING WE HAVE TO DO.

THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP IT IF I THINK WE NEED STATE LAW TO REDIRECT A GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCE AWAY FROM IT THE SAME WAY WE HAVE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS OR OTHER TYPES OF THINGS SO IT MIGHT BE MORE COMPLICATED THAN JUST DEDICATING THE MONEY OVER SOMEWHERE ELSE.

>> I WOULD SAY OUR DIVISIONS COLLABORATE VERY CLOSELY AND SO THE SUPPORT OF HOUSING TEAM AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TEAMWORK VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER AND SO IN THIS NEXT YEAR WE'RE REALLY FOCUSED ON MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE NEED FOR THE SUPPORT OF HOUSING TEAM. AND AS JUSTIN SAID THIS COULD GO FOR OTHER SERVICES IN THE FUTURE BUT I THINK THAT WE HAVE NEEDS ALL OVER THE PLACE.

>> I'M GLAD OFFERING INTO THIS QUESTION INTO PRIORITIZATION WHERE IT'S GOING TO GO.

NOT BECAUSE I DON'T THINK DND DOESN'T MAKE ANYTHING WORK I JUST THINK WHEN I THINK OF SHORT TERM RENTALS AND THE IMPACT THIS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY IT HAS BEEN TO DISPLACE AND PREVENT CERTAIN FOLKS HAVING ACCESS TO UNITS. SO WHEN I THINK IN TERMS OF THIS MONEY I THINK IT'S MITIGATION IT'S FOR WHAT INJURY THEY'RE CAUSING.

SO THE INJURY IS DISPLACEMENT, THE INJURY -- ISN'T DISPLACEMENT IS THE INJURY IS FOLKS TRYING TO FIND A PLACE IN BOSTON.

THAT'S HOW I SEE THE MONEY BEING
PRIORITIZED FOR THAT.

JUST SEE ITIVE BUT THAT'S WHY
I'M ASKING THESE QUESTIONS.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR EDWARDS.
TO SORT OF I GUESS TACK OE TO
COUNCILOR EDWARDS, THE CENSUS
TAUGHT WE GET SAW A SIGNIFICANT
PERCENTAGE OF THE HOMELESS
POPULATION THEY'RE NOT FROM
BOSTON?

>> SO THERE'S A FIELD THAT WE
ASK WHICH IS WHAT WAS THE ZIP
CODE OF YOUR LAST ADDRESS.
IT'S SELF REPORT.

WE DON'T GET THAT ROWSHTD BY A
LOT OF FOLKS AMONG THE PEOPLE
THAT WE DO GET THAT REPORT ABOUT
50% OR A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN
50%OR NOT FROM BOSTON THE.
WHEN WE'RE FOCUSING ON
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
PEOPLE WHO ALREADY BEEN HOMELESS
IN BOSTON FOR A LONG TIME.

SO WE MEAN TO SAY THEY'RE NOT
FROM BOSTON IS A LITTLE BIT HARD
TO SAY BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN IN
BOSTON OVER A YEAR.

THAT'S THE LAST KNOWN PERMA
DRESS AND THE FOLKS WHO MEET THE
DEFINITION OF CHRONIC
HOMELESSNESS HAVEN'T HAD A PERMA
DRESS EVER OR IN A LONG TIME.

SO THERE ARE CERTAINLY PEOPLE
WHO ARE HOMELESS IN BOSTON WHO
WERE NOT BORN HERE OR DIDN'T
HAVE A PERMA DRESS IN BOSTON
BEFORE THAT BUT THIS IS A HIGHLY
VULNERABLE POPULATION.

>> ONE WOULD I GUESS ARGUE THAT
THE REASON THAT THOSE ARE NOT
FROM BOSTON ARE NOW IN BOSTON
HOMELESS BECAUSE THE RESOURCES
ARE HERE.

I GUESS THE QUESTION IS WHAT IF
ANY CONVERSATIONS YOU'RE HAVING
WITH SOME OF OUR SUBURBAN
COUNTERPARTS SAY AN INDIVIDUAL
FROM MELROSE WHO IS HOMELESS BUT
NOW IN BOSTON.

WHO ARE MEL ROSE DOING TO WORK
WITH US.

ARE THEY REIMBURSING US.

THOSE ARE THE CONVERSATIONS, THE

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISES AND
OPIOID CRISES ARE FALLING ON
BOSTON'S SHOULDERS.
OUR KOIRNS PARTS ARE NOT
CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR
ADDRESSING THE OPIOID CRISES.
YOU SAID IN THE BEGINNING WE
TALK ABOUT THE BRIDGE.
YOU DO A CENSUS THERE'S A
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT FROM QUINCE QUINCY,
ETCETERA.

YET IT'S KIND OF LIKE NOT
QUINCY'S PROBLEM.
IT'S EVERYONE'S PROBLEM.
THE HOMELESS CRISES AND OPIOID
CRISES WE ALL HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY BUT IT CANNOT
CONTINUE TO FALL ON BOSTON
SHOARLDZ.

SUBURBAN KOIRNTS PARTS AND OTHER
AGENCIES OUT SIDE OF BOSTON HAVE
TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND/OR
THESE CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE TO
TALK ABOUT REIMBURSING BOSTON
FOR TAKING CARE OF THEIR
CHILDREN TAKING CARE OF THEIR
RESIDENTS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IF ANYTHING
DISCUSSIONS ARE HAPPENING AT
THEIR LEVEL BUT THERE'S GOT TO
BE A LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY
AGAIN FROM SUBURBAN COMMUNE COMMUNITIES
TO DO MORE.

>> AS WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR DATA
AND THE DATA WITHIN THE HOMELESS
POPULATION WE'VE BEEN IN
DISCUSSION WITH THE STATE AND
WHERE THEY HAVE CITED SHELTERS
AND WHETHER OR NOT THOSE
SHELTERS ARE SERVING THE NEEDS
OF THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF BOSTON
WELL SNUFF.

WE CERTAINLY ARE LOOKING TO HAVE
A MORE REGIONAL APPROACH WHEN WE
GO TO THE ACTION PLAN BECAUSE OF
THE DYNAMICS, THERE ARE PEOPLE
SEEKING SHELTER IN BOSTON
BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SHELTERS
WHERE THEY ARE.

>> WHICH MEANS THAT WE'RE SORT
OF NIBBLING AHEAD OF IT BECAUSE
AS WE'RE CLOSE TO GETTING AHEAD
OF IT WE'RE MORE, BECAUSE AGAIN
WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN AND

TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION.
BUT OTHERS NEED TO DO MORE AS
WELL.

SO WITH THAT WE'RE GOING TO
SLIDE INTO PUBLIC TESTIMONY.
YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY RIGHT
HERE.

THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY INDIVIDUALS
ASKED TO SIGN IN IS ANDY
COOLIDGE AND ERIC AND EITHER ONE
OF THOSE OPEN MICS ARE YOURS.
IF YOU COULD JUST STATE YOUR
NAME AND AWE FILLATION FOR THE
RECORD AND -- AFFILIATION FOR
THE RECORD AND THEN YOU HAVE THE
FLOOR TO GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS
ON THIS PROPOSAL.

ANYONE ELSE HERE IN THE GALLERY
WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC
TESTIMONY MAY DO SO BY EITHER
SIGNING IN THE SIGN-IN SHEET OR
JUST FEEL FREE AFTER AIM ANDY
AND ERIC TESTIFY AFTER THEY COME
UP TO THE MICROPHONE AND OFFER
PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> WELCOME AMY.

>> MY NAME IS IMY COOLIDGE I'M
THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC
RELATIONS FOR PINE STREET INN
AND DO SO VERY ENTHUSIASTICALLY.
WE AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, WE ARE
KNOWN AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT
TOOK HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, WE
SERVE 700 PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
SHELTER EVERY DAY.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AND GERMANE
TO THIS CONVERSATION IS WE SERVE
850 PEOPLE ON PERMANENT SUPPORT
OF HOUSING THROUGHOUT BOSTON.
THESE ARE UNITS THAT ARE IN 40
DIFFERENTQ UNITS ARE IN 40 DIFFERENT
LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY
AND BROOKLINE AS WELL.

WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
PROPOSAL TO DEDICATE THE FUNDING
STREAM FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING.

WE KNOW IT WORKS.

WE'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR OVER 30
YEARS BEFORE THERE WAS EVEN A
NAME FOR IT.

WE'VE BEEN IN THE MICRO-UNIT
BUSINESS FOR A LONG TIME, AND I

CONCUR WITH EVERYTHING SHE SAID.
SHE DID A GREAT JOB AT
EXPLAINING THE MODELS AND THE
SYSTEMS THAT ARE IN PLACE.
AND ERIC IS GOING TO GIVE YOU A
MUCH BETTER GLIMPSE INTO HOW IT
WORKS AS A TENANT AND CONSUMER
OF THESE SERVICES.
WHAT HE HAS TO SAY IS FAR MORE
IMPORTANT THAN WHAT I HAVE, BUT
WHAT WE HAVE FOUND IS -- AS I
SAID, WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR
30 YEARS.
THEN AT ONE POINT, IT SORT OF --
THE RESEARCH CAME OUT NOT ONLY
LOCALLY BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY
THAT SUPPORTS THIS TYPE OF
HOUSING.
ORIGINALLY, WE WERE WELCOMING
PEOPLE IN AND JUST DOING WHAT WE
COULD TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE AND
WARM FOR A NIGHT AND THEN
GETTING THEM HOUSING READY.
AND WHEN THEY WERE HOUSING
READY, WHICH MEANT DEALING WITH
HEALTH ISSUES OR SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDERS, WE WOULD GET THEM
INTO HOUSING.
WE'RE GETTING FOLKS INTO HOUSING
OFTENTIMES RIGHT FROM THE STREET
AND WRAPPING THE SERVICES AROUND
THEM.
WE KNOW THIS MODEL WORKS.
WE KNOW, AS I MENTIONED, BECAUSE
OF SOME RESEARCH ACROSS THE
COUNTRY.
WE HAVE A RETENTION RATE OF
ABOUT 91%, SO THOSE PEOPLE WHO
ARE IN TEND TO STAY IN, AND THEY
DO BECAUSE OF AN INTENSIVE CASE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WHICH WORKS
WITH EACH PERSON INDIVIDUALLY
AND BASICALLY RECONNECTS THEM TO
THEIR COMMUNITY.
IT IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH PERSON.
SOME PEOPLE MAY NEED SOME HELP
WITH LEGAL ISSUES OR HEALTH
ISSUES OR EMPLOYMENT ISSUES,
TRAINING ISSUES.
SOMETIMES THEY'RE JUST
ACCLIMATING BACK INTO THE
COMMUNITY BE IT VOLUNTEER WORK
OR CHURCH WORK, AND IT'S A
TENDER PROCESS.

AND WE'VE TWEAKED IT OVER THE YEARS AND HAVE FOUND THAT THESE RESOURCES ARE SO IMPORTANT. WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO BUILD THE HOUSING.

WE DO IT THROUGH IT CONVENTIONAL FINANCING, ACCESSING FEDERAL MONEY, STATE MONEY.

WE DO PRIVATE FUNDRAISING, A COLLECTION, BUT THESE SUPPORT SERVICES ARE THAT MAGIC BULLET THAT MAKE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WORK.

IT'S SO IMPORTANT, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, THAT THE POPULATION OF THOSE WHO ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS BE TARGETED WITH THIS FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS.

ONE IS THESE FOLKS ARE ACTUALLY AN EXPENSIVE POPULATION TO SERVE OR NOT TO SERVE.

THEY ARE OFTEN -- AND I'M THINKING ABOUT THE FOLKS THAT YOU'RE SEEING ON THE STREET.

THEY'RE HIGH-END UTILIZERS OF VERY EXPENSIVE FORMS OF CARE.

ASK ANY DISTRICT IN THE CITY, AND THE POLICE ARE SPENDING TIME RESPONDING TO THEIR NEEDS.

WE HAVE EMS AND HOSPITALS.

THE DATA SHOWS ONCE WE HOUSE THOSE FOLKS, THEIR VISITS TO THE ER GO WAY DOWN AND THERE'S AN ENORMOUS SAVINGS TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

THAT'S A REALLY STRONG REASON TO TARGET THIS MONEY TO THIS POPULATION.

WE ALSO KNOW BASED ON RESEARCH THAT FOR EVERY CHRONIC HOMELESS PERSON THAT'S HOUSED WE'RE SAVING ABOUT \$11,000.

WE ALSO KNOW THE MOST EXPENSIVE RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS IS TO DO NOTHING AND NO INTERVENTION AT ALL IS QUITE COSTLY TO THE CITY.

WHETHER THEY'RE FROM BOSTON OR NOT, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSE TO THIS POPULATION.

THESE NUMBERS ARE LOW ENOUGH SO THAT WE COULD END THIS.

WE COULD END CHRONIC

HOMELESSNESS.

TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY'S
CREDIT, THERE'S AN OVERARCHING
STRATEGY TO THIS.

IT'S NOT JUST THROWING MONEY
HERE AND THERE.

IT'S PUTTING TOGETHER A SYSTEM
THAT VERY METHODICALLY
IDENTIFIES WHO THESE FOLKS ARE
AND PUTS TOGETHER A PLAN TO GET
THEM INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING.

AND WHEN WE CAN GET THESE FOLKS
HOUSED AND OUT OF THE SHELTERS,
IT REALLY IS GOING TO BUILD
CAPACITY ON THE SHELTERS --
BUILD THE CAPACITY FOR SHELTER
BEDS.

WHEN WE CAN HOUSE OUR CHRONIC
HOMELESS, THEN WE CAN ADD MORE
RESOURCES FOR THE SHELTER SO WE
CAN MAKE SHELTER MORE OF A
SHORT-TERM RESPONSE RATHER THAN
A LONG-TERM RESPONSE.

THERE IS A GREAT STRATEGY IN
PLACE FOR THIS, AND WE APPLAUD
THE ADMINISTRATION AND WE ARE
BEHIND IT 100%.

BASED ON OUR MANY YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE SERVING HOMELESS
INDIVIDUALS AND ON THE RESEARCH,
WE KNOW THAT THIS WORKS.

SO, I JUST WANT TO SHARE THAT WE
AT PINE STREET ARE BEHIND THIS,
AND WE HOPE YOU LOOK FAVORABLY
UPON THIS.

I'LL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU
CAN HEAR RIGHT FROM ERIC.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AMY.
ERIC, WELCOME.

>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.
JUST WANT A QUICK WORD.

SHOUT-OUT TO THE CITY COUNCIL.
THANK YOU FOR WHAT THE CITY
COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING FOR.
FOLKS OUT IN THE STREET, THERE'S
A LOT OF MISINFORMATION OUT
THERE.

AND THEY DON'T KNOW HOW HARD YOU
GUYS ARE WORKING TO GET A ROOF
OVER THEIR HEAD AND A PAIR OF
KEYS IN THEIR POCKET.

SOMETIMES IT IS DEVASTATING
BECAUSE A LOT OF FOLKS DON'T

HAVE THE PATIENCE OUT THERE.
THEY RETURN TO WHAT THEY WERE
DOING BEFORE BECAUSE IF THEIR
MIND THEY THINK THEY'RE NEVER
GOING TO GET A SET OF KEYS OR A
ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, SO I WANT
TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
HARD WORK YOU'RE DOING.
I HAD TO WORK JUST AS HARD AS MY
CASEWORKER WAS DOING.
I HAD TO SHOW UP TO MY
APPOINTMENTS.
I COULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES.
I SHOWED UP 15 MINUTES EARLY.
I WALKED FROM JAMAICA PLAIN INTO
BOSTON HOUSING TO BE THERE THREE
HOURS EARLY JUST TO BE SURE I
WAS ON TIME TO SIGN TWO PAPERS.
THAT'S HOW HARD I WORKED.
THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT FOLKS
OUT IN THE STREET JUST HAVE TO
WORK JUST AS HARD AS WELL.
THIS IS WHERE THE MISINFORMATION
COMES FROM.
THEY HAVE TO WORK JUST AS HARD
AS WELL.
I WASN'T JUST GIVEN THEM ON A
PLATTER AND SAID, HERE'S YOUR
KEYS.
HERE'S YOUR STUFF.
SO, I HAD TO WORK AS WELL AND
JUST AS HARD.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK.
THANK YOU FOR BOSTON HOUSING.
THANK YOU FOR BOSTON
NEIGHBORHOOD.
IN MY CASE, I HAD TO REALIZE
THAT BOSTON UMASS WASN'T A
TAXICAB SERVICE.
I HAD TO REALIZE THAT BOSTON
MEDICAL CENTER WASN'T A PLACE
FOR ME TO LAY MY HEAD AT NIGHT.
I HAD TO REALIZE BOSTON BD
WEREN'T COUNSELORS.
THEY COULDN'T GET ME WHAT I
NEEDED IN THIS WORLD, AND
ESSENTIALLY WHAT I NEED TO DO
WAS TO GET MY HEAD BACK IN
ORDER.
NOT TO REALIZE THAT MY TENT
MIGHT GET STOLEN.
MY MOBILE CONDO, IF YOU WILL,
MIGHT GET STOLEN.
THE PARK RANGERS MIGHT COME UPON

IT, AND THEY MIGHT JUST THROW IT AWAY.

I DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS IN MY POCKET TO BUY A NEW TENT. FOR ME, I WAS PRETTY MUCH DEPENDENT ON THE SHELTER SYSTEM.

ALTHOUGH, I'M NOT TODAY. I'M DEPENDENT ON THE CHURCHES BECAUSE I TRY TO GIVE BACK WHAT I FREELY RECEIVED.

AND THROUGH ALL THIS IS THAT AS A DIRECT RESULT, MY MEDICAL ISSUES HAVE COME FROM A 9.4 ON MY A1C TO A 6.4.

THEY WERE UP TO AROUND 300 WHEN I WAS IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM OR IN MY TENT.

IN MY CASE, IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M PART OF SOCIETY AGAIN. I SHOULD SHOWER THIS MORNING TO BE HERE.

I SHAVED, PUT MY GLASSES ON, PUT MY WALKING SHOES ON, AND I WALKED HERE FROM THE SOUTH END.

FOR ME, I DON'T WANT WALK VERY WELL BECAUSE IN 2017 I HAD HALF MY FOOT AMPUTATED.

I DEVELOPED A SORE IN A SHELTER. AT SHADDOCK SHELTER, THERE'S 150 BEDS, AND THERE'S 149 OTHER GUYS.

ESSENTIALLY, I DEVELOPED A BLOOD DISEASE FROM AN OPEN WOUND. HAD HALF OF MY FOOT AMPUTATED.

FROM THERE, I WAS EMPLOYED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IS I WORKED IN THE KITCHEN.

I WENT TO CULINARY SCHOOL.

WHERE I WORKED IN THE KITCHEN, I COULDN'T WORK 12 HOURS ANYMORE. THE SHELTER SYSTEM AS WELL.

THE REASON WHY I ENDED UP IN MY TENT IS YOU HAVE TO BE IN BY A CERTAIN TIME.

THEY RUN OUT OF BEDS 3:30, 4:00 NOW.

BUT WHEN I WAS IN THE WORKING MEN'S PROGRAM AT SHADDOCK, THEY DON'T HAVE THAT ANYMORE.

YOU EITHER WORK OR SHOW UP AND GET A BED.

FOR ME, I CHOSE WORK TO SLEEP IN MY TENT.

THESE THINGS ARE NOW IN THE
PROCESS NOW.

I FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF.
AS YOU CAN TELL, I LOOK A LOT
BETTER THAN I DID A YEAR AGO,
BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS I FEEL
BETTER ABOUT MY SITUATION.
I HAVE SOMEBODY TO TALK TO.
I COULD HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN A
SET OF KEYS LIKE MOST GUYS DO
AND THEN A MONTH LATER OR A WEEK
LATER THEY FALL OFF THE WAGON
THROUGH THE LONELINESS, DESPAIR,
NOT KNOWING WHAT THEY'RE GOING
TO DO IN THEIR LIFE, BUT THEY
HAVE AN EMPTY APARTMENT.
THE ISSUE WITH THOSE GUYS IS
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY SUPPORT.
THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACH
OUT.

FOR ME, I HAVE A 24-HOUR NUMBER.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I HAVE
SOMEBODY OUT THERE.

781 NUMBER.

MY CASEWORKER IS AVAILABLE 9:00
TO 5:00.

THEN I HAVE MY HOUSING
CASEWORKER.

HE'S ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE WITH ME
UNTIL JANUARY, BUT HE'S HERE
WITH ME TODAY.

THE SUPPORT SYSTEM IS THERE.
I JUST GOT RECENTLY WITH PINE
STREET EMPLOYMENT.

I REALIZE NOW I CAN'T WORK A
FULL-TIME JOB.

BUT FOR ME, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
WORKS.

A LOT OF TIMES SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING DOESN'T WORK FOR SOME
PEOPLE.

BUT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT IT DOES
WORK, WE STILL HAVE THAT MAKE
THAT EFFORT TO GET THEM OUT.
EVERYBODY DESERVES A CHANCE.
EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND,
THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH CHANCE.
THEY DO DESERVE THAT INITIAL
CHANCE.

WITH THIS ENTITY YOU GUYS ARE
GOING TO BE VOTING ON SOON, IT
WILL HELP THAT.

IT'S NOT GOING TO CURE ANYTHING,
BUT IT IS GOING TO IMMENSELY

HELP PEOPLE.

IT WILL HELP PEOPLE SHOW UP FOR LIFE.

THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING TODAY, SHOWING UP FOR LIFE.

MY CASEWORKER EMAILED ME THIS MORNING BEFORE I CAME HERE AND SAID, ARE YOU OKAY WITH GETTING TO CITY HALL?

I SAID, YES, I'LL BE THERE ON TIME.

THESE ARE THINGS THAT HELP AMONGST THE OTHER THINGS.

THE SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE.

IT'S UP TO THE PEOPLE THAT GET SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO USE THEM.

SO, I THINK BOSTON -- WHAT YOU, THE CITY COUNCILORS, THE STATE REPS, CONGRESS, EVERYBODY IS COMING TOGETHER TO REALIZE WE HAVE TO GET THESE FOLKS HOUSED.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IS THERE, AND PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE A CHANCE AT LIFE AGAIN.

YOU GUYS HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

TO BE THE PERSON TO LEAD.

IT'S A WORLD-CLASS CITY, AND WE BELIEVE IN YOU AS A WORLD-CLASS CITY COUNCIL, SO PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, ERIC, FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND FOR YOUR COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE AND FOR THE SHOUT-OUT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. WE'LL CONTINUE TO DO THE BEST WE CAN WORKING WITH THE MAYOR AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE OUT THERE EVERY DAY.

HE RAISES A GREAT POINT ON THE DND BECAUSE WE SEE THAT A LOT.

I SEE THAT ACROSS THE CITY ON THE AFFORDABLE LOTTERIES.

EVERYBODY THINKS IT IS JUST PUTTING YOUR NAME ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND THROWING IT INTO A BOWL AND SOMEBODY PULLING OUT A NAME.

IN TERMS OF HIS WORK ETHIC AND PERSEVERANCE, WHERE HE HAS TO WORK JUST AS HARD AS THE CASEWORKER, NOT A LOT OF FOLKS REALIZE THAT.

TO GET YOUR INFORMATION, YOU
HAVE TO BE ON TIME.
THEY REALLY THINK THE AFFORDABLE
LOTTERY IS JUST LIKE GETTING
PULLED OUT OF A FISHBOWL, AND IT
IS MUCH MORE THAN THAT.
THE MORE WE CAN DO TO EDUCATE
FOLKS AS TO WHAT THE PROCESS IS,
IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET.
THEY HAVE TO MEET THEIR
CASEWORKER HALFWAY.
THEY HAVE TO PUT THE TIME AND
EFFORT IN, AND HOPEFULLY IT DOES
TURN INTO A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD
OR KEYS IN THEIR POCKET, WHICH
WAS SO WELL-DESCRIBED.
DOES MY COLLEAGUE HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OF EITHER AMY OR ERIC
AT THIS TIME?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
AMY FOR EVERYTHING THAT PINE
STREET INN IS DOING IN HELPING
SO MANY PEOPLE ACROSS OUR CITY.
THANK YOU TO ERIC FOR SHARING
HIS STORY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSEVERANCE
AS COUNCILOR FLAHERTY SAID AND
NEVER GIVING UP HOPE, EVEN
THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN DOWN MANY
TIMES.

YOU KEEP FIGHTING BACK, AND
THAT'S KIND OF THE SPIRIT OF
BOSTON.

NEVER GIVING UP OR NEVER GIVING
UP ON PEOPLE EITHER.

EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND OR A
THIRD CHANCE OR A FOURTH CHANCE.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE WITH
US, AND YOU'RE A TESTAMENT OF
WHAT THIS CITY IS ALL ABOUT.

IT'S WORKING HARD.

IT'S BEING COMPASSIONATE AND
CARING AND BEING THERE FOR
PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED HELP, SO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DETERMINATION
AND HARD WORK AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FLYNN.
THAT WILL CONCLUDE THE PUBLIC
TESTIMONY OF THIS PORTION, SO I
APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND
ATTENTION.

WITH RESPECT TO THE PANEL,

DOCKET 0644 WILL GET A COMMITTEE
REPORT TURNED AND GET IT BEFORE
THE COUNCIL FOR A COUNCIL VOTE
MOST LIKELY DEPENDING ON
SCHEDULING PROBABLY BY OUR NEXT
COUNCIL SESSION.

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, THANK
YOU TO JUSTIN.

THANK YOU TO MARCY, AND THANK
YOU TO LAYLA FOR THE WORK YOU DO
NOT JUST EVERY DAY, BUT TRYING
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE
OF FELLOW BOSTONIANS.

WE ARE ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU.