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0953.0953 message in order authorizing City of Boston to accept an expanded amount of \$25 million in the form of a grant for the Commonwealth Builder program awarded by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund the creation of workforce homeownership, housing units and the long term availability of those units to eligible moderate income households. Thank you. The chair now recognizes Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. Chair Edwards, the floor is yours. Thank you very much. We had a great hearing about this. The administration came through and explained both dockets, but that was a0953 was an incredible amount of money to help build workforce ownership. And so we they explained how many they expected to help out with that. We were talking tens of people or tens of families who will be able to do this and hopefully purchase their own home with this extra effort, this much needed money. So I submitted this committee report with the recommendation that all to pass. Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Committee on Housing Community Development, seeks passage of Docket 0953. All those in favor, please indicate by saying I oppose nay. The ayes have it. Docket 0953 has passed. Madam Clerk, would you now please read docket 0955. Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Committee on Housing Community Development, seeks passage of Docket 0953. All those in favor, please indicate by saying I oppose nay. The ayes have it. Docket 0953 has passed. Madam Clerk, would you now please read docket 0955. Docket 0955 message in order authorizing the city of Boston to accept and expend an amount of \$4 million in the form of a grant for the Allston Brighton Homeowner Fund awarded by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund programing to foster affordable homeownership and homeowner stability in Allston. Brighton. Thank the chair now once again recognizes Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. Chair Edwards, the floor is yours. Thank you very much. We had a again during the same hearing on 0953. We also discussed this docket and it was excited to see this money being dedicated, private dollars given to the city to help push for home ownership in Austin Brighton. Councilor Braden was there to discuss the much needed funds and how this would. This is an exciting opportunity for our community. Thank you. Great. Any further discussion on docket 0955? Seen none. Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, seeks passage of 0955 in a new draft. All of those in favor please indicate by saying I oppose nay. The ayes have it. i095 has passed now. Madam Clerk, please read docket 00859. Counselor Bock. Counselor Braiden. Counselor Edwards. Counselor B George. Counselor Flaherty. Counselor

me here please add the chair counselor woo and docket 1045. She'll be referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development that I'm clerk now please read docket 1046 Docket 1046. Counselor Campbell offered the following resolution to declare October as Cooperative Month in the city of Boston. Thank you, Madam Clerk. The chair now recognizes the District Council from Mattapan counselor Andrea Campbell. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. President. And I also want to thank I always want to thank my team for coordinating the conversations around the previous hearing order, but also this resolution. I have to give a big shout out to the Dorchester Food Co-op, of which I am a member, and I think others on this body are as well. And I also want to recognize where we are going. I'm going to see suspension of the rules and passage of this docket to declare this month as food co-op month. I. I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that this is also domestic violence month. Obviously various months show up around particular topics so would be I would be remiss if I didn't mention that, particularly given what Councilor Flynn just said. The Dorchester Food Co-op has over 1000 member owners. And I want to thank, of course, not only my colleagues who supported those efforts over the years. It is a grassroots effort and it really is ahead of what, frankly, this city should be talking about in co-op models. These are locally owned businesses, of course, run by people who come together to achieve shared goals and to really build community ownership and to help a community thrive around particular topics, but owned by the community, centered in the community, and always for and by the people. And as the Dorchester Co-op joins members of the neighboring Food Co-op Association in this year's Co-op Month theme, which is

building back for impact or build back for impact, we have an opportunity to not only highlight these powerful co-ops and the work they're doing, but they're really going to have to take the lead or the city, I should say, will have to take the lead in working in partnership with these co-ops. They not only provide great sustainable food, of course, they provide jobs, economic opportunity, right in the community for folks who live in those communities. And so this is a step in the in a direction to lift up their work, but also to. Declare this month as co-op month in the city of Boston and hopefully begin a deeper conversation with the city on how they can support these efforts. So much in New York City and other places that are actually pouring in dollars and investments into these efforts. So seeking suspension of the rules and passage of this docket. Thank you. Thank you, Councilor Campbell. Would any I see some lights raised if you'd like to speak on this matter before we add our name, before we vote. Please indicate by pressing your call button. And the chair now recognizes the district councilor from Beacon Hill Councilor. But the floor

is yours. Thank you so much, Councilor O'Malley. And I want to thank Councilor Campbell for introducing this today. Please add my name. I, I think that sometimes, you know, these resolutions that we do can feel just symbolic. But I think that actually for cooperatives which are so critical to a healthy ecosystem in the city, that actually keeps money in our local communities and builds community wealth for those to succeed, they actually really need the kind of recognition that this resolution brings and the rest the recognition that these are the types of businesses that we should be preferentially trying to work with. I know my office has repeatedly written letters of recommendation and support for cooperative businesses, especially with the large university and hospital employers in my district. And I think that it's just it's one of those things that unfortunately, the kind of attitude towards cooperatives as being bespoke and inherently kind of a small corner of the economy limits them. And there are other places in the world where they've taken on a much larger share of market and of the sort of like economic democracy space, including in Spain. And so I just think I think this is really important. And I also just want to give a shout out to Dandi for all the work they've done on the housing cooperative side, which obviously we sometimes talk about a little bit differently from business cooperatives, but it is that same idea of, of sort of economic democracy together and the the new share loan fund that Dad has just enacted to help people who don't have as much means buy into a cooperative and have that housing stability and the new module that they're teaching in the homeownership class on that I think is another piece of the city recognizing co-ops and their importance to the fabric. So I just want to commend them for that and thank Councilor Campbell for leadership and please add my name. Thank you very much. Please, Ed, Councilor Kenzie, buck to Docket zero one excuse me. 1046. Any councilors looking to speak on it? Any councilors looking to have their name on it? Madam Clerk, please add. Councilor Arroyo. Councilor Baker. Councilor Braden. Councilor Edwards. Councilor Sylvie George Councilor Flower City Councilor Flynn. Councilor me. Here, please add the Chair and Councilor Will and Councilor Andrea Campbell seek suspension of the rules and adoption of Docket 1046. All those in favor please indicate by saying I oppose name. The ayes have it. The docket is hereby passed. They are adopted, I should say. Moving right along to personnel orders. Madam Clerk, could you please read Docket 1047. Docket 1047 Councilor O'Malley for Councilor. Thank you. Docket 1044. Councilors Flynn and O'Malley are for the following order for hearing to discuss investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and electrifying the City of Options vehicle fleet. Thank you. The chair recognizes Councilor Flynn. Councilor Flynn, you have the floor. Tha

nk you. President. Thank you for Councilor O'Malley. For partnering with me on this important hearing. Hearing order. Councilor O'Malley and Mayor Janey and Mayor Walsh just finished the. Berto 2.0. And I know the city and residents are better off for them. That strong leadership. This is this is about the electric cars coming into into Boston. We have the potential Ford and GM are announcing that 40% of cars over the next 15 to 20 years will be electric vehicles. The Biden administration has proposed \$8 billion in infrastructure improvements for electric all electric vehicle charging station. Throughout the country. Additionally, they're also offering a \$12,000 tax credit for people that buy an electric vehicle. That's where our city is headed. That's where our our country is headed. And it's a tremendous way for us to make sure that our cities and towns and. Communities across the country are safe and healthy for all residents. We have had major pollution, air pollution throughout throughout the history of our city. In my neighborhood in south Boston, certainly the Boston Edison has been a major, major polluter in the in the city and and in the region. South

Boston had the highest rate of lupus discovered derma. In other types of cancers, especially impacting woman. My father's aunt lived on Arcadia Street, and when you would put the sheets out to dry, you would wake up the next morning and you'd see the beautiful white sheets would be turned completely brown from those smoke that was coming from the Boston Edison plan. Counsel knows this issue very well as well. The other issue I wanted to highlight was in Chinatown. This neighborhood has the highest rate of. Asthma of any neighborhood literally in the country it's located. As you all know, next to 93. It's located right underneath the Mass Pike. It's located just a short walk from the Amtrak station, from the bus station and the busses. Those are those that pollution continues all night. So what we're trying to do is to make the state, the city cleaner and healthier and having a robust discussion on what the city possibly can do to improve infrastructure for electric vehicle charging station would go a long way to protecting our environment, protecting our health, providing our children with a better and healthier environment to live, to work, and to and to play. So I'm proud to partner with Counsel O'Malley, who's done a tremendous job as a city councilor working on environmental issues. And I also want to acknowledge my staff that have helped me write this this proposal as well. Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Councilor Flynn. The chair now recognizes the cosponsor. President O'Malley. President O'Malley, you have the floor. Thank you very. Much, Madam Chair, for this microphone. Perfect. Thank you very much. Obviously, I want to begin by thanking Councilor Flynn. Councilor Flynn and his team did all the work going into this resolution, and they were kind enough to ask me to partner.

And I'm just incredibly delighted and grateful for this opportunity because as was noted in the President's infrastructure bill, which I am very hopeful will pass and will pass soon, we're looking at close to \$8 billion. It's going to go down to our cities and to our states to build this renewable, renewable infrastructure. Now, I'm old enough to remember when you couldn't find any EV charging stations, and then I think three showed up or four showed up on Cambridge Street, and it was a godsend. And I and I know I know at least a quarter of this body owns and drives electric vehicles. It's it's what's needed. And we need to encourage opportunities for more folks to buy them. What's the one expression? And I know there are a lot of them that I'm like a broken record repeating, but every fiscal conservative ought to be an environmentalist because my Chevy bolts through state rebates cost a heck of a lot less than a car that cost a lot. Had a smaller sticker price. Obviously, I don't pay for gas. I don't pay for a lot of the maintenance and wear and tear and electricity because of community choice. Energy is actually cheaper in Boston than it was a year ago, so it makes financial sense to invest in this. It is obviously important to protect our planet, to invest in this. And this is great leadership that I know, Councilor Flynn and many of you will be continuing in the next year. But it's really important that the city has this conversation now and works with the next administration to make sure that we can access those funds to build this out. The number one prohibition for an individual for buying an electric car isn't the cost, because, again, they're state rebates that will save you money. You're going to pay a lot less for an electric car now than you would for a similarly priced car or even a less expensive less a more expensive car you're going to pay less for. I think I may have got that wrong, but there's also sort of, you know, many of us don't have an opportunity to charge our cars at home. So this is a huge opportunity, right for the planet, right for your wallet. It's the right thing to do. So thank you, Councilor Flynn, and thank you, colleagues. Thank you, Councilman O'Malley, the chair recognizes Counselor Arroyo. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks to the Makers for this. I am one of the one of the councilors who owns an electric vehicle, so I was not necessarily surprised, but disappointed that there isn't an electric charging station in all of high park, all of them out of hand. I don't believe there's any Rosindell either, but I might be wrong on that one. In terms of increasing the existing infrastructure, that's great and I love that we're having that conversation. One of the things I hope we can also either tie on to this conversation or have a further conversation on is we have a school bus fleet that should be electrified. That's that's a possibility. Now they make electric school busses. That's something that should be done. M

y father was on the council when he was pushing vestibule vehicles because that was a thing. And, you know, I think this is something folks don't recognize necessarily the impact that our bussing infrastructure, our school busses, our meter busses, our city vehicle fleet, if we move that towards clean energy, what a difference that would make for air quality and air pollution. And so this is something that I hope to see us moving on as more of these things become available. And we have

this hopefully I share your optimism that we have an infrastructure bill that we can use specifically for this purpose, because this meets many, many goals that we have as a city and as a country. So thank to the makers for doing this and hopefully we make some real strides on this. Thank you. So you'd like to be added as. A yes, please. Thank you. The chair recognizes Councilor Flaherty. Geographically, said My name is. The chair recognizes control. Thank you, Madam Chair. Please add my name as well. I was. I'm glad Councilor Royal spoke because I was going to throw him under the. Electric bus because. I wanted just to make two notes. One, that in addition to electrifying. Our vehicle fleet, we have to think. About all the infrastructure impacts in terms of the with this building and all the parking and storage is wired. And so he has been as a as an electric vehicle driver as well. He has been I've. Been trying to fend off his entreaty to switch spots because. I've one near the plug in the. Garage downstairs. And the other point that I just want to make sure. If possible, for the sponsors to add to this is I'm hearing a lot from tenants in. Larger buildings that as new buildings are being built, the requirements now. For just a small percentage of the spots to have. Capacity for charging is now not even. Enough. So it's time to update those as well. So thank you. Both for your leadership and really excited to see this move forward. Thank you. Would anyone else like to speak to this matter? Would anyone like to add their name? Councilor. Royal Council of Baker. Councilor Bach. Councilor Campbell. Councilor Edwards. Councilor Szabo, George Councilor me here. Councilor Woo and please add my name. Thank you. This docket 1044 will be referred to the Committee on Environment Resiliency in parts. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, for taking over. Madam Quirk, would you now please read docket 1045? Thank you. Docket 1045. Counselor Campbell offer the following order for a hearing regarding emergency housing transfers for those facing community based violence. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Madam Clerk, moving right along to docket 0397. Docket 0397, the Committee on Government Operations, to which is referred on March 3rd, 2021. Docket number 0397. An Ordinance on surveillance, oversight and Information Sharing. Thank you. The chair now recognizes Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Committee on Government Operations. Chair Edwards, the floor is yours. Than

k you very much. I want to note that the committee report is 12 pages long. I'm not going to read that. You're welcome. And what I am going to do is hit the highlights. And I just wanted to note to many people what it took for us to get here. It's well over two calendar years of this introduction and discussion, the oversight and surveillance, as well as at least two or three hearings. And I want to say almost four, four working sessions averaging 2 to 3 hours, the longest one being 4 hours long. What that means is we took this very seriously. We understand the impact of this and we want nothing more than folks to understand we when it comes to the surveillance of the everyday people of Boston. We at the city council take that very seriously. And that's all this is doing. This is about civil liberties. This is about transparency. This is about government acknowledging what it's using tools, surveillance, technology in order to watch all of us. That's it. And what it also does is make sure that if there is a new technology that comes out. That we would be aware. That the government will be transparent about what it's using to watch us or to police us. We go to the city council and we go through a task force and we go through many different hands to make sure before it goes to the hands of our law enforcement officers, or if there is any point that it goes to our hands and we would know about it. This is not about stopping policing. This is not about preventing people, our government, from responding in an emergency. This is about knowing how our government is functioning with our tax dollars. So some highlights. This legislation establishes standards, again, for surveillance, oversight and information sharing. The docket requires community involvement. When surveillance is used and when the city acquires surveillance technology, it limits information sharing between VIPs, Boston Public Schools and the Boston Police Department. The legislation requires that the mayor establish a surveillance use policy and that city departments in the city council approves that policy. I want to thank David Ingles, Chief of Information Officer of Do It. Gregory McCarthy Chief Information Security Officer of Do It. Christopher Carter, co-chair of the New Urban Mechanics. Now Ali Rodriguez, Technologist for the Public Realm of New Urban Mechanics. Samuel de Pina, Director of Operations at BP. Superintendent Paul Donovan, chief of the Bureau of Investigative Services. Palladio The Valley's Student Immigrant Movement. Kate Crawford from the ACLU. Liz McGuire from Gables, Elizabeth Badger, who is from Pear and Nora Paul Schultz, unafraid educators. We also had representatives from OEM come to our last working session as well. And we had Chief, I'm forgetting her name,

Chief from BP, who also came as well. It was a robust, many years conversation. Now other highlights that are worth noting to my colleagues. Established this ordinance would establish two new bodies, first

of the Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board. This would serve as an advisory board that reviews technology, surveillance use technology and surveillance technology funding that was rejected by the council. In short, if we make or say that we don't think this technology should be applied. This board gets to check and review what we've looked at, and it would write a recommendation to the mayor. And the mayor then can decide to modify the request to the Council for reconsideration. Second this as this establishes the surveillance data and Privacy Working Group, which will work to increase transparency, accountability and engagement around technology and use of data within the city departments not currently covered by the ordinance. This is a living, breathing ordinance. And just like technology that's going to change repeatedly, we believe there should be a working group that includes law enforcement officers, that includes civil liberties advocates, that includes everyday people who are constantly also reviewing that technology. We also added the police and the police to exigent circumstances section. We wanted them. They specifically asked that they be considered for certain exemptions and also to make sure that they were able to access whatever they needed in emergency situations. As the Boston bombing. If that were to happen again, they would be able to access what they need, how they need, whenever they need to do what they need to protect us. There is nothing stopping that. However, after the emergency ends and that could be within 2 hours or whenever the emergency is formally ended, they will need to still provide a report explaining what they needed, how they used it, and why. That's the transparency we're asking for, but we're not stopping law enforcement from protecting people. We also made sure that there were certain aspects and reporting that was still allowed for when it comes to BEPS, especially if it had to do with possession of ammunition or any particular weaponry as already defined by state law. So we wanted to make sure that was clear that the reports and their transparency from BP to BP or the Boston Police Department was consistent with our state law. And ultimately this is, I think, a balanced approach to really meeting the moment. People want to know how we're being watched by our government. They also want to know how their tax dollars are being spent. And there are certain exemptions that we have provided throughout the law. Again. This is a living, breathing law with a working group to make sure we hit the right moment as the moment and the movement changes. So this docket has been amended many, many times. It was my think, my first 25 page ordinance. We got through every single one of them. And I do want to thank again all of the city departments, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Parks Department, BP's Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Municipal Protection Services, and the Office

of Emergency Management for being there throughout all of those conversations. Of course, to the two lead sponsors, I will turn the microphone over to you, Councilor Arroyo and Councilor Wu. But it is my recommendation that after a copious amount of conversation, back and forth debate and I think a real demonstration of a democratic, transparent process because my recommendation to my colleagues that we pass this ordinance. Thank you. And in amended form. In amended form. Thank you, Madam Chair. The chair now recognizes the lead sponsor. Councilor Ricardo Arroyo with the floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Councilor Edwards, for your work on this. This was a bit of a bear to get through 25 pages, as she said. Two years. Countless hours spent. And I want to just thank, besides Councilor Edwards for her diligence and her thoroughness on this, the advocates and the administration on this. This was, I think, for all intents and purposes, a true collaboration. I want to thank the ACLU, the Student Immigrant Movement, the unafraid educators, the Pair Project Credit, Boston Legal Services, but also our partners in the city and at BPD who came forward with language, came forward with, engaged with it, worked through the concepts, worked through what this does in practice and how they could best utilize this. I think this does exactly what we're seeking to do, which is provide transparency on how surveillance is used without in any way, shape or form hindering public safety. One of the things I want to be clear, if you're listening to this oversight and trying to figure out what that means. It doesn't mean that they have to tell us exactly what this surveillance tool is being done with one individual so they don't have to come to us and say we're using it on Mr. and Mrs. blah, blah, blah. They literally just have to say, this is the device, this is what it's capable of, and that's how we intend to use it. So it's not getting into personal stories. It's not getting into personal cases. It's not revealing any of their

investigations. It's simply saying this is what this does. This is how we intend to use it. That's it. There's really robust version here for exigent circumstances that allows, as the chair said, for emergency circumstances for them to do that. This also gives us, I think, the best marriage of transparency. You I believe that part of being in a society and part of being police in a society or surveilled in a society is a tacit sort of understanding and agreement that has to happen. And that agreement can only happen if I understand or know what you're actually doing in this creates that so that we have better, I think, relationships within the community where we say this is not just something that is done, but this is something that was embedded, something that we we've agreed to as a community, which I think only furthers the aims of public safety and civil liberties. And I would just say the provisions on here for a BEPS,

I'm incredibly proud of. They allow us to still make sure that our kids are safe, while also ensuring that situations that we've had in the past where people have ended up with criminal records out of school incidents or have ended up deported, deported based on school incident reports that that those loopholes are covered while still allowing for instances where for safety purposes, that information has to be transferred. But it creates clear guidelines and a clear system for doing so in a way that is the most protective of our students. And I also just want to end by thanking Councilor Wu, and she's no longer here. But when I first joined on this, Councilor Janey was a original sponsor on this and then went across the hall. But this is a project that had many hands, had many minds, had many, many people put input into it. I'm very proud of the final product. It, to me is the epitome of collaboration. There are things in here that I think are stronger now after all of those sessions that we had that I'm proud of. And so I hope this passes. But I do believe that this is something that is very strong, provides everything from a public safety perspective and a transparency perspective that we were looking for when this was at birth. So thank you very much. Thank you. Councilor Arroyo. The chair now recognizes the other lead sponsor, the At-Large Council from Rosedale. Councilor Michelle Wu. The floor is yours. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Thank you to the committee chair and to the lead sponsor and similarly to Mayor Janey for her work on this in months prior. I will start the timeline a little further back because even before it was filed as an ordinance, the Coalition and advocates were working for two years prior to that . So we've been at this for. For nearly four years now, and I think we're at a great place where there's a true. Sense of interagency collaboration, work and consensus about how to balance all the needs that the city has to move quickly, but ensure we're doing so with full transparency and accountability to the residents that we serve. So I look forward to this as a starting point and really appreciate the model of not just having the policy and rules and guidelines, but to have the guidance. And partnership with community members in the short term and. Long term to continue steering this in the right. Direction. So I just wanted to offer my thanks as well to everyone involved. Thank you, counselor. Lydia. Edward. Excuse me. Anyone else wish to speak on dockets area 397. The chair recognizes the chair of the Committee of Government Operations Council, Lydia Edwards. The floor is yours. I think I apologize as the chair of government ops and I would probably say on behalf of the entire body, we also a great deal of thanks to Christine O'Donnell and her incredible amount of work and and quarterbacking this entire as the as the lead central staffer for government office for many many years. So last year this year and as um it

's been a joy working with you and will. Yes. So I'll just say that. And thank you, Christine. Thank you for all your work. Well said. Thank you. Thank you, Attorney O'Donnell. Anyone else wishing to speak on docket 0397? Seeing none. Councilor Lydia Edwards, chair of the Committee on Covert Operations, as well as the two co-sponsors, councilors Wu and Arroyo, seek acceptance of the committee report and passage of Docket 0397 in a new draft. All of those in favor please indicate by saying I oppose nay. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Madam Clerk, would you now please read dockets? 09940995099609970999 and 1001. Thank you, Mr. President. Docket 0994 of the Committee on Boston COVID 19 Recovery, to which was referred on September 22nd, 2021. Docket number 0994. Message in order authorizes City Boston to accept and expend an amount of \$1,603,112 in the form of a grant for the American Rescue Plan Act. Madam Clerk, would you now please read docket 0899? Thank you. Docket 0899 petition for a special law enacted relative to the reorganization of Boston School Committee. Like Madam Claude Cartier now recognizes the vice chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the At-Large Council from South Boston. Councilor Flaherty, the floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. President. We held a three hour hearing the

other evening on docket zero 899, which is a formal petition seeking to change the structure of Boston School Committee from an appointed committee to a fully elected committee in three phases, ultimately resulting in a fully elected committee with 13 members, three at large seats, nine district seats that correspond with the electoral districts of the Boston City Council. And also the remaining seat will be for one voting student member of the elected Boston school student population. Through the Boston Student Advisory Committee, this petition also outlines the terms of the member's vacancy protocols and creates a nominating panel in respect of processes and timelines for nominations and vacancies until the committees become fully elected. During the hearing, we heard testimony from a number of panelists and members of the public. Testimony included discussions of the pros and cons of an elected school committee, the academic research behind the topic and discussion around the at large format versus the district format. With that said, as discussed during the hearing, this particular home law petition is substantive, will require additional hearings into a working sessions in the new council session with the newly elected body and mayor at this time asking that the matter remain in committee and also defer and ask the two co-sponsors if they would like to make any additional comments through the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Councilors Arroyo and me here wish to. Cotterill, did you want to speak on this? She recognizes the district councilor from Hyde Park Council. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I ju

st want to thank Councilor Clarity for making sure that this hearing happened. I know we're close to the end of our legislative session, and it would not have been possible with Council 30, and I stepped up to ensure that we could have that hearing. I want to thank the advocates and the folks who contributed. And to my co-sponsor, councilor me here as well for her participation and efforts on behalf of this effort for school committee. Thank you, Ms.. Chair. Now to the chair now recognizes the other co-sponsor, Councilor McKee, and the floor is yours. Thank you again to my co-sponsor, Councilor Arroyo, and to Councilor Flaherty for his swift intentional action in making sure that we were able to pass this through. Yes. The other day, I mean, to all the amazing advocates who helped us get to this historic point, the yes on three coalition, Boston Education Equity Coalition that keep former elected school committee members and so many others. You all have helped to ensure that this hearing was not only productive, but it centered on community expertize. As I said during the hearing, we received a mandate from the people to return to an elected school committee in the city of Boston. There will be times in the future to discuss specifically how that would work, but in this hearing it was meant for us to focus on the why. Our panelists came from all different backgrounds, from parents to advocates to former elected school committee members to academics, and each brought their expertize and their passion to move us in the direction of an elected school committee. We'll be picking up this work in the New Year and look forward to collaborating alongside our new colleagues and the amazing advocates who got us here today. Thank you. Thank you very much. Counsel me here. Would anyone else wish to speak on docket zero 899? Seeing none. Docket 0899 will remain in the Committee on Government Operations. Madam Clerk, would you please read dockets 0192 and 0547 together? Thank you, Mr. President. Docket 0192 Message An order authorizing City of Boston to accept an expanded amount of \$691,110 in the form of a grant for the COVID 19 response grant awarded by the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be administered by the election department. For all those in favor, please indicate by saying I am opposed. Nay, the ayes have it. The docket is adopted. Madam Clerk, would you now please read docket. One, two, four, five. Do I get? One, two, four, five? Council Britain offered the following resolution renouncing nuclear weapons. For proliferation in urging the United States to pull back from the brink and prevent nuclear war. The Chair recognizes the district councilor from Alston, Brighton, Councilor Liz Braid. And the floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Chair. This resolution renouncing nuclear weapons proliferation and urging the United States to, uh, to, um, to pull back from the brink, um, and. And prevent nuclear war. This is a grassroots campaign called

Back From the Brink to. And the call to Prevent Nuclear War and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons are calling for our federal government to make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy and join the global effort to prevent nuclear war. Um, I have a personal history in advocating for nuclear disarmament. As a young person in my in the 1980s I was involved with, uh, there was increasing nuclear tensions and the US deployed nuclear

missiles to Greenham Common in England and they had this huge outpouring of sort of a resurgence of an anti-nuclear movement that had been sort of dormant almost since the, since the 1950s. Um, and one of the most memorable experiences I had was at a meeting in which someone had a, a bucket of. Ball bearings and each ball bearing represented a nuclear missile that existed that is equivalent to the bomb that was dropped in Hiroshima and the person. It was an interfaith gathering to talk to talk about nuclear disarmament. And the person slowly but dropped the bucket, just left the ball bearings, dropped out of the bucket into another bucket. And it seemed like an eternity, but there was thousands of ball bearings and each one equivalent to the nuclear bomb that dropped on Hiroshima. And it went on and on and on. And just as this huge number of nuclear weapons that don't actually make us any any safer. And in January of 2020, 1912, 2021, the United Nations and a the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons, which finally classifies nuclear weapons in the same status as chemical weapons, biological weapons, landmines and cluster munitions, which are already prohibited by international treaty. The treaty currently has 56 ratifications and 86 signatures, but the United States is not not not yet a signatory. Back from the Brink started right here in Massachusetts in 2017. I was prompted to offer this resolution after being contacted by Dr. Ira Helfand of the Physicians of Social Responsibility and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. We also heard from Jack Tap Nick, a Boston law school senior and student organizer who has part of a student effort to circulate a petition collecting over 300 signatures from black students. And I have all of the signatories from the black students is here. They passed on the pass and the petition to pass the position on to our office and shared messages from students in our school in support. One Black students, Rachel Wong Trump said It is shocking that we, when we learned recently learned that the US has the power to inflict catastrophic damage on people and children just like us anywhere in the world. In one single moment, the US claims to be a leader among nations and to fulfill the responsibility of that title, we must lead the way in global nuclear disarmament. We should not have to worry about whether one misguided move by a temperamental president could spell certain doom for millions. We urge you to adopt this

resolution and support nuclear disarmament. So the United States serves as a role model for peace and not aggression. I urge you to pass this resolution today. Thank you. Thank you. Cancer brain. And would anyone else wish to speak on docket? One, two, four, five. Would any councilors wish to add their name as a co-sponsor for docket 1245? Madam Clerk, please add. Councilor Arroyo. Councilor Baker. Councilor Bach. Councilor Campbell. Councilor Siby George. Councilor Flaherty. Councilor Flynn. Councilor me here. Councilor Murphy. Please add the chair's name as well. Councilor Liz Braden seeks suspension of the rules and adoption of docket 1245. All those in favor please indicate by saying I oppose name. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Moving on to personnel orders, of which we have many. Madam Clerk, would you please read docket one, two, four, six. Madam Court, could you please read docket 1239? Certainly. Docket 1239. The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on December 1st, 2021, docket number 1239 message an order authorizing the creation of a sheltered market program in conformity with the requirements of general laws. Chapter 30 B Section 18. This authorization applies to contracts for goods, professional services and support services. This authorization is for no more than six contracts, which must be awarded by June 30th, 2022. This sheltered market program shall be available for disadvantaged, minority and women only vendors, for whom there is a demonstrated substantial disparity in the city's 2020 disparities. Study submits a report recommending the order ought to pass. Thank you so much, Madam Clerk. The Chair recognizes Councilor Edwards, chair of the committee. Councilor Edwards. You have the floor. This is this is actually a matter, I believe, sponsored by the. Mayor in Cannes. In conformance with the recommendations from the disparity study and making sure that we opt in to this this pilot program under mass general laws 30 Section 18. Again, it's really just following the recommendations of an already studied issue, which which demonstrates a disparity between minority contractors or women contractors receiving contracts in the city of Boston. So this would allow for us to shepherd and move these six contracts to those already designated groups who have a disadvantage. And I think it's. Really fulfilling a promise. Of making sure that we go through and make sure all aspects of the city government, including the financial benefits, are accessible to people in the city of Boston. I recommend that this pass and I hope that my colleagues will vote for it. Thank you. Thank you so much. Councilor Edward seeks acceptance of the committee report and passage of Docket 1239.

Madam Court, could you please call the roll? Certainly. Docket 1239. Councilor Arroyo. Yes. Councilor Arroyo. Yes. Councilor Baker. Councilor Baker. Councilor. Councilor Barker. Council Braden. Councilor Braden. Councilor Campbell. Councilor

Campbell. Yes. Councilor Edwards. Yes. Councilor Sabby. George. Councilor Sabby. George. He has Councilor Flaherty. Councilor Flaherty as Councilor Flynn. Councilor Flynn. Yes. Councilor Jane. Yes. Councilor Janey. As Councilor me here. Councilor me here as Councilor Murphy. Councilor Murphy. Yes. And Councilor O'Malley. Yes. Councilor O'Malley. Yes. Madam President, do I get number 1239 has received unanimous vote. Thank you so much. Docket 1239 has passed and now we will move on to matters recently heard for possible action. Madam Clerk, if you could please read docket 0863. Certainly Docket 0863 order for hearing to discuss pest control and illegal dumping in the city of Boston. The grant will fund caregiver services for older adults in the city of Boston. And docket number 1171 message in order authorizing the city of Boston to accept an expanded amount of \$417,870 in the form of a grant for the federal employee 22 Table three a. Awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Task of the Executive Office of Elder appears to be administered by the Age Drawing Commission. The grant will fund costs for the administration of Title three programs. Thank you so much. The chair recognizes Councilor Braden, who is chair of the Strong Women Families and Communities Committee. Counsel Braden, you have the floor. Thank you, Madam President. A report from the Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities has been distributed to each of the conference seats. The committee was referred dockets 116831171 and November 17th. And the hearing was her, her, her yesterday on December 14th. These four dockets are titled three grants awarded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and administered by our each strong commission. The four grants total \$4,021,379 and will support each strong Commission's work through the throughout the city for nutrition and distribution of meals, supportive senior activities and housing stabilization programs and caregiver services, including seniors who are caring for youth. The Committee testimony from Commissioner Emily Shea from each strong who provided she provided testimony on behalf of the administration. Commissioner Shea stated that these federal funds from the Older Americans Act are from the Older Americans Act. The city of Boston is eligible for this funding because the Age Drunk Commission is a federally designated as an area agency on aging. A large majority of this funding will be used to put out requests for proposals to aid strong community partners to determine how this funding be used to meet the needs of the community and follow guidelines as stated in the Older Americans Act. At this time, it's my recommendation to the council that these moderate matters ought to pass. Thank you. Thank you so much. Any red lights? Anyone want to speak? Okay, now we are going to vote on each docket separately, starting with docket 11

68. Councilor Brennan seeks acceptance of the committee report and passage of this docket. All those in favor, please say I, I any oppose. Nay, the ayes have it. Docket 1168 has passed. Moving on to docket 1169. All those in favor please indicate by saying I any opposed? No, the ayes have it. Docket 1169 has also been passed. Moving on to Docket 1170, Council Brain six acceptance of the committee report and passage of this docket. All those in favor please indicate by saying I any oppose? No, the ayes have it. Docket 1170 has been passed and the final docket is docket 1171. All those in favor please indicate by saying I the oppose say nay. The ayes have it and docket 1171 has also been passed. Madam Clerk, I think we're going to take the next two decades together. Docket 12 zero seven and 12 zero nine. Thank you. Docket 0206 Counsel Flynn for Counselor Arroyo. The chair seeks suspension of the rules. The passage of 0206. I know. We'll do a roll call vote. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Please call the roll. Thank you. Do I could 0206 Councilor Arroyo. Yes. Councilor Arroyo. Yes. Councilor Baker. Yes. Councilor Baker. Yes. Councilor BLOCK. Yes. And Slovakia. Councilor Braden. Yes. Sir. Braden. Yes. Councilor Edwards. Councilor Fernandes Anderson. Yes. Yes, I would. My apologies. Yes. Oh, sure. Thank you. Councilor Edwards. Yes. Castle Flaherty. Yes. Also, Flaherty has Castle Flynn. Yes. Nelson Flynn. Yes, councilor. Yes. Counsel Larry of Council of Louisiana. Yes. Council region? Yes. Council me here? Yes. Some here? Yes. Councilor Murphy. Yes. Councilor Murphy. As in Council World? Yes. Council world? Yes. Mr. President. At number 0206 has passed unanimously. Docket number 0207 Council offline for council region. Councilors Louis, Jun and Fernandes Anderson offered the following order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing in

community investments. 0296 councilors Louis, Jenn and Warrell offered the following order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and Boston Residents Jobs Policy and number 0297 counsel Louis Jen offered the following resolution calling on the Biden administration to cease deportations of Haitian migrants under Title 42. The chair recognizes counsel to adjourn. Counsel. Huge. And you have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, everyone. Very happy to be here to finally be giving my maiden speech. First the name. My name is Ruth Z, Louisiana, and the first name is pretty phonetic. Ruth Z maybe takes a pause between the rock root and the Z if it's easy, if it's hard to say. And the last name? Louisa. I like to tell people, you take that Louis Vuitton bag and your friend Jen. You put them together. Louis. Jen. That's how to say the last name. It's also my maiden speech, so thank you. Thanks for coming. Just kidding. I am really happy to be here today to be talking to all of you. I think the folks who are here, friends and fami

ly over here, the voters who had confidence in me to be here so that I could be one of your At-Large city councilors. It's an honor to represent this city. I want to talk today about shared prosperity. I believe that our lives are intersectional and our experiences are all interconnected. One of our greatest callings is to be each other's keeper in the pursuit of justice and in the pursuit of joy. That's what I grew up learning in my neighborhood and from my parents as a curious young girl in Mattapan. Believing in shared prosperity must mean that if this city is thriving financially, all of our residents are thriving financially. It shared prosperity means that if we have a construction industry that's booming, we have residents who are able to find housing and employment. Shared prosperity means that if our residents, if we feel safe and free, then all of our communities, including our migrant communities, should feel safe and free, whether here or at the border. Unfortunately, this isn't happening. But today I'm going to talk to you about how we can work together collectively and in solidarity to achieve these to achieve shared prosperity three ways. One leaning into our fiscal prosperity as a city to issue more bonds. Sexy topic I know. To ensuring Boston jobs for Boston residents. And three ending racist and xenophobic immigration policies. Behind each of these ideas. There's a way for us to do right by each other, for us to do right by our neighbors. And for us to do right by our neighborhoods. I grew up in a poor and working class neighborhood in Mattapan. My parents came here to create a better life and fought really hard for me and my three sisters. I grew up in a household. I don't know how to cook small portions because growing up everything was big, big portions so that everybody who needed food, my neighbors, strangers, could come in and get it. We never had locks on our doors to make sure that everyone could feel welcome to walk in and get a bite to eat. I think these were early lessons about what it means to live in a community that honor shared prosperity, to use your harvest to help others grow theirs. Whether that be for a newly arrived immigrant who needs help with job applications or for Polish-American neighbors who counted on our kitchen and our stove when their food stamps food stamps are running out. We believed that helping our neighbors was part of our existence here on Earth. He may be mad at me for telling this story, but my parents still own the first kitchen table they bought when they came here to this country. Now, today, it's wobbly. It's held together by duct tape. There's plastic everywhere on it. But my father has rejected all attempts by me and my family to buy him a new kitchen table. Lots of family, friends, neighbors and strangers have come and sat around this table throughout the years in search of advice on job applications, help with immigration papers, and sometimes in search of a bed to sleep for the n

ight. I've come to realize and my sisters we've all come to reluctantly realized that that table represents a sort of shared prosperity. For my father and for so many. How he, despite the many challenges he faced as an immigrant, was able to help others get on their feet, survive and in some circumstances thrust. That lesson has carried me throughout life, and to this moment it informs my need to question How are we looking out for each other? Who gets a share in this city's wealth and prosperity? And certainly right now, it's not everyone. Let's look at the facts. At the end of fiscal year 2021. The city of Boston ended with a \$15.5 million operating surplus in its operating budget. Meanwhile, many of our residents languish at paying rent or getting food on the table. One of the wealthiest cities in this country is one of the most unequal. Worsened by a pandemic and even worse for our black and Lynette's residents who suffer from legacies and decades of white supremacy and racism that have stymied economic mobility. What can we do to make things better? Those are the hearing orders I filed today. First is municipal bonds. Our fiscal health is in tip

top shape with a triple-A bond rating. I said this over and over on the campaign trail. Glad that I get to talk about it. We have an administration that is taking bold steps. We have a strong local economy of growing city with a large and diverse tax base. And because of this, we can lean into our strong bond positioning to help fund building projects like affordable housing at new levels and other ways that we can creatively use bonds. As a former housing attorney, I spent countless hours in housing court trying to stop evictions. Evictions being a traumatic event that damns people because they're poor. I do what I could for stopgaps, to help individual tenants and tenant organizations, but always knew we needed to do more to stem the crisis. The more buildings we fund via bonds, the more room we'll have in our budget. To look at innovative ideas already underway in other cities to meet residents basic needs such as social housing, such as guaranteed income. All of these creative things that we can be doing if we are leaning more into how we're using our bonds. This hearing order on our bond policy will help explore the bold, yet responsible ways we can lean into our fiscal strength. Second is jobs. Sharing the work of the city must also include good family sustaining jobs for Boston residents. Our Boston residents policy set standards for diversity and for Boston hires on development projects. But we're falling woefully short. I can't tell you how many times I've been by a construction site in our city. I've never seen one person of color or one woman. We know that. I think about all the family members and all the people that I grew up with stuck in low wage jobs who could have it made. And we have it made these good union jobs available and accessible to them. And that's on us. That's on all of us

in this room. I know this is a deep source of deep frustration for so many. The hearing order I file will offer insight into how much we are falling short and bringing community voice to the table to guide the path forward, such as hiring more onsite monitors for enforcement and strengthening the Boston Employment Commission's oversight role. Third. And lastly, immigration policy. Shared prosperity must mean we promote a welcoming environment for migrants fleeing persecution and harm. As a first Haitian-American elected to Boston City Council, I can say that I'm proud of this city and the work that we're doing to support our immigrant communities. Although there's always more work to do. Our Federal Government, however, has turned its back on the least among us, specifically Haitian migrants. Two weeks ago. As Brian Orwell said, we're in Black History Month. Two weeks ago during Black History Month, the Biden administration ignored the pleas of asylum advocates, elected officials, activists, and many of us here who protested in front of the federal building last year. And decided to extend the Title 42 a racist Trump era policy that restricts immigration at the border and blocks migrants from making claims of asylum, which is their legal right under U.S. law and international law. Instead of treating Haitian migrants with dignity, our federal government has met them with whips on horseback, a cruel reminder of the savagery of slavery. Were quick to forget the Haitian soldiers who came here in the 1770s to help this country gained its independence. We have an obligation to remember this history, to share our prosperity and welcome new migrants. I call on the Biden administration to find its moral and legal compass and to end these inhumane deportations. To be clear, this is an issue for all border migrants, because it's not just Haitians who are there. They're all migrants who are there trying to enter and being expelled without making any claims for asylum. So I ask you, all my colleagues, to speak as one unified voice in support of my pending resolution to end use of Title 42. I've been organizing other municipalities across the Commonwealth and the country to do the same. Not only would passing this resolution be a sign of solidarity with migrants and countless advocates, but also with my parents here with me today. This poor black immigrants face mountains of discrimination and rejection, but persevered so that I, a little girl from Mattapan, could dream big and stand before you today as your colleague. I'll close with this. Gwendolyn Brooks, who is a poet, writer and the first black person to receive a Pulitzer here, wrote, We are each other's harvest. We are each other's business. We are each other's magnitude and bond. I think about that quote all the time and this call to service and in our collective call to service as a reminder that we are all bound together. We must show it. We must show each other what it means to be each other's har

vest, to share in the city's wealth. To ensure all our neighbors are housed. To repair past policy harm. To think boldly. To make good jobs available. And to make economic possibility for all. Economic mobility possible for all, especially for our black and brown residents. We do this to realize freedom for all of us, and we do so by leading with love for all of our neighbors and believing in our shared prosperity. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Counsel Lujan. An excellent maiden

speech, and thank you for the tremendous leadership. Mr. Clerk, going back to docket 0295 Council and John would like to add. Would you like to add any co co-sponsors to the docket? Yes, just. The chair recognizes the council. Thank you, Mr. President. For docket 0295. The hearing order on municipal bonds, I'd like to add I would like to thank Counselor Fernandez Anderson for being a co-sponsor on this important matter. She's not going to be speaking today because this is in her maiden speech. But two weeks ago, she led an excellent and excellent first meeting as chair of Ways and Means on refunding bonds and so continuing to delve into how we can use our municipal bonds. I'm glad to have her as a partner in this. I'd also like to suspend Rule 12 and add Councilor Kenzie Bok as a third original co-sponsor. Thank you. Thank you. Counsel are seeing and hearing no objections counsel has added as a third original co-sponsor. Um. Would anyone like to speak on 0295? The chair recognizes. The chair recognizes counsel by our counsel. You have the floor. Thank you so much. President Flynn, I mainly just want to take the opportunity to thank Counselor Gen for her amazing maiden speech and threading all these things together and to say that I'm very grateful to be a third co-sponsor on this. As folks who were on the council last term all remember the question of green and social bonds and how we drive up our bond capacity with something that then counselor now Mayor Woo and I co-sponsored in the previous cycle. And we're I'm just really excited to have Counselor Lujan and Counselor Fernandez Anderson's leadership joining me on this front, because definitely there is a lot more to do and there's a lot of capacity that I think we could tap for our most urgent needs in the city. So thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Counselor Buck. The chair recognizes. Counselor, we're all counsel. We're honored you have the floor. Thank you, Chair. We all know that creating additional housing stock and making Boston more affordable for low and moderate income households is one of the most critical issues facing our city and my prior line of work to help dozens of Bostonians buy their first home. It is one of the most important ways for a person or family to create wealth and access to upward mobility. I applaud the authors counsel Louis Gen Carter, Fernandez Andersen and Council for their creativity and look forward to learning more as we can look to increase access to housing both to preser

ve and protect our city's city's triple-A bond rating. Thank you. Thank you, counsel Earl. Anyone else like to speak on this matter? Would any council like to add their name? The. Mr. Clarke pleased that. Councilor Edwards pleased that. Councilor Arroyo pleased. Councilor Braden. Councilor Flannery Council Elara. Console me here. Console, Murphy console. We're all pleased. The cheer. Dakota 0295 will be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Got going back to docket 0296. Castle. Lou and John, would you like to add any codes, co-sponsors to the docket? Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you to Councilor Schwab out for being for co-sponsoring this with me. This is the required under municipal code bi annual review of the Boston resident's job policy. We have a long way to go to make sure we're realizing our goals and also asked to suspend Rule 12 and ask to add Tanya Fernandez Anderson as an original third co-sponsor on on this hearing order. Thank you. Thank you. Seeing and hearing no objections. Councilor Fernandez Anderson is added as the third original co-sponsor. Would anyone else like to speak on 0296? The chair recognizes counsel. We're all counsel. We're all you of the four. Thank you chair and great maiden speech. Council louis-jacques. Awesome. Covered a lot of great issues. One of the most important policies implemented in Boston City government in the past 50 years is the creation of the Boston Resident Resident Jobs Policy created by Mayor Kevin White. Strengthened by Mayor Ray Flynn and further expanded by Mayor Walsh. A robust in and adhered to Boston residents jobs policy is one of the most effective tools in ensuring equity in Boston's booming construction industry and keeping development dollars in our city. There's nothing more frustrating than driving by a multimillion dollar job site and seeing license plates from New Hampshire and Rhode Island and seeing bumper stickers for schools and sports programs outside of the city. While meanwhile, we know dozens of constituents trying to access economic opportunity, employment right in our neighborhoods. As I mentioned in my maiden speech, creating economic opportunity, access to wealth and closing employment and opportunity gaps in Boston are among my top priorities. Boston needs to be needs to do more to bring dollars back into our communities. Strong Boston residents job policy is one of those key tools to achieve these goals. But. But the policy is only as strong as how aggressively we enforce it, how we measure it, and how and how developers and general contractors accountable demand and demand. An accurate and robust, biannual reporting will ensure that all Bostonians are benefiting from the construction and development boom, that we are generating wealth and upward mobility for our residents. That and that we are connecting city cares

with these careers. Looking forward to the hearing. Thank you, counsel. We're world. Would anyone else like to speak on it? The Chair reco

gnizes. Counsel me here. Counsel me here. Okay. Okay. I would also just like to add that. Thank you to the council overall. But I also want to recognize the tremendous work also of some of our past colleagues on this issue, including Council of Boeing a long time ago, and Councilor Chuck Turner, that also played a critical role. So thank you, counsel. We're also. The important work you are going to be doing on this issue. And you have a lot of support here. So thank you for counsel. We're all. Would anyone else like to add their name, please? Councilor Arroyo. Councilor. Councilor Braden. Councilor Edwards. Councilor. Finally. Councilor Lara. Council. Let me here. Councilor Murphy. Councilor, we're all pleased that you. I that I had. Yes. Yeah. In concert. Tanya Anderson is the original co-sponsor. Council Docket 0296 will be referred to the Committee on Labor Workforce Economic Development. Mr. Kirk going back to 0297. Council would offer the following resolution. Council. Would you like to add any one on docket 0297? I just would like to say that I want to see. I'm still here. I want to thank my colleagues for expressing support. I'm hoping that we can suspend Rule 12 and pass this resolution. As you all heard, stirring is incredibly important to me. And I would be honored if you all join me in adding your names and supporting Haitian migrants everywhere and discontinuing the illegal, immoral use of Title 42 for deportations. And I also just want to say to the migrants and to folks who are, you know, into our Haitian community here came long, some of whom are pleading for my begging, maybe even contacting you. But I'm confused from Karla, whom your moon Lukaku ago was on task to open CAG in one cabinet room. So Barcelona police have I might have I put you on some corner killing you try on some new on Bill. Thank you everyone for your support. Thank you, counselor. Would anyone like to speak on this docket or would anyone like to add their their name and support? Please add Counselor Arroyo. Please add counselor. Counselor Braden. Counselor Edwards. Counselor. Fernandez A.ND Counsel. Florida counselor. Laura counselor. Me here. Counselor Murphy. Counselor. We're all. Please the chair. And, um, counsel, help me here. Would you like to speak on this matter? Okay. Council illusion seeks suspension of the rules and passage of doctrine 0297 All those in favor say aye. Aye, I opposed nay. The ayes have it. Docket 0297 has passed. We will now come back to docket 0293. Mr. Clerk, please read docket 0293. Ducky number 0323 Counsel LRA offer the following order for a hearing to discuss restoring municipal voting rights to immigrants with legal status. The chair recognizes Cancellara. Cancellara. You have the floor. Thank you, President Flynn. Given the nature of my hearing order, I will be delivering my speech first in Spanish and then in English. And Los Estados Unidos. Amazon will be another Pueblo born Pueblo Pueblo Bedouin Lugard as a cornerstone of d

emocracy and must complete the 80%. Nosotros El Pueblo si are definitely my de la limitada Saudi saddle, but I'm aware that a classical M.A. in I got it. I lost the Rachel Sebelius Alaska money that is Kaesong historical maintain marginal us. In Boston, Mass. They got into emailing me. Grant, this is Stan Buddy Battles this is the Rachel's partner with us ladies electorally they support to maintain exclusion they will probably be all nosotros no f exclusive. And that is the immigrant this. No, that was both. I was hoping to sell it in Las Elecciones this representantes las personas because Duncan Garcia led us on this Posadas, the successful Alamo later in with a fantastic new dad. But incrementally, ladies, this and all this worthy. And with this. The participating. A process of electoral. So you get an Oscar. I don't go get people that I'm into representative representative of the remote control, maternal PR and electoral problem. This address that if any see on their democracy in one thing these towns here divided central and as Montenegro's. Cataloger. Linda vamos nuestros vecinos escudos. Therefore they're not oppressor. Unable to, but able to motivate us. Extruder. Democratization must be. Poor Supuesto. But the most common side I founded Eldorado Legacy and that parable, DA or Gondor. The Rachels advising me grants equal the order in and. But I process or democratic or not, they're meaner. Me They better. Me not this voice can say a mythical model. Nosotros El Pueblo todo el pueblo the ready almost an animal there no solo para representantes si no. But I participated in a mean inquisition discussion. Every deliberation came back that the idea. Nosotros are Pueblo Podemos her organization with rebel valores de las personas potency dance. Yes, but at the head of astrobiologists democratization laws regarding the trabajo guarantees are made of the Venus of the nameless but familias Prospero. Nosotros are pueblo. Well, then listen to me. Not. I'm innocent of this blasphemy in the last movie. And that's

going to allow us for lack of money that it goes through. It must be the end of socialism. But most indicative of the killings. Nosotros and pueblo podemos central sobre Tania in DNA a implementable regulations ambiental is commenting on the lack of money that is most vulnerable as the most resilient. This frontier cambio climatico el centro de la toma. The decision is. No problem. But it must have been sad. But at least out of the reach of the vote, the municipal is paralyzed immigrants. Yasser Cano's old muscle mass starvation. They all are Democrats of Seattle. Transformative to them. Process. A process of Democratic alchemy inside Las Ordonez is expanding. Ms.. I think we are no longer in look the trabajo. Oh, God, yes. Cuéllar. But I get glasses and I'm on. How about us gassing Mr. Vice Minister Stadium in West Sudan? Lucas Oil I think I'm way out of the Terminator Collective. I'm into Super Duper Democracia. No, the end of the river. The e

nd of the world. No, they were bad ideas. Del Centro. See? No, because you are saying I shot them through this. The nose. Martinez must play. Thank you, President Flynn, and good afternoon to all of my colleagues on the city council, the staff and constituents who are present in attendance here today. Let me begin by expressing my deep gratitude to the people of District six. Thank you. It's my honor to serve as a steward of our collective vision here at City Hall. The first time that I stepped foot in the iron chamber, I wasn't a city councilor. I was 13 years old, standing in the gallery, attending my first protest. At the time, I couldn't imagine that I would be here with you today. I'm humbled to be the first person of color to represent my district and to have earned the trust of such a diverse coalition of people. But the path from the margins to the center was not an easy one. The campaign trail was long and filled with pointed reminders that women like me belonged on the outside. Still. The electoral process pulls us in. It activates our neighborhoods. It ignites conversation and debate. It allows us to hear our neighbors most challenging concerns and revel in their most transformative visions for a more inclusive city. One of the unexpected joys of the campaign trail was running into other candidates, loved ones. We all know that our family members are our best surrogates. And there's a special pride in a parent's piece when they ask you to vote for their child. I talked about public safety with Johns. Billions died and was Roxbury. I ate freshly baked cookies with David Talbot's mom and JP, and when I met Bridget NE Walsh's childhood friend at Holy Name, she did not hesitate to pull out the photos of them growing up together in South Boston. They couldn't wait to fill in that bubble next to their loved ones games. My own father. Stood outside Doris Bunting Apartments in Eggleston Square from seven in the morning to seven in the evening every election day. Sorry. He canvased his entire building. Stringing together the few English words that he knew. And handed out literature to anybody who would take it. Convincing them. Thank you. Think. Convincing them to cast their vote for his daughter. And yet. Despite all his hard work. His pride in seeing my name in yard signs all across the district. He never had the chance to see my name on the ballot. My father, a 30 year resident of the city, could not vote for his youngest daughter. In the US. We believe in a government of the people, by the people and for the people. But instead of bringing us closer to a more complete, more representative democracy, we the People has been narrowly defined, used to further the ruling class interests and deny civil rights to historically marginalized communities. In Boston alone, 40,000 immigrants are disenfranchised by our current voting laws. Unfortunately, exclusion from the proverbial weed isn't unique to immigrant communities. We don't give young people

a voice in choosing their representatives. People who are incarcerated are stripped of their access to the ballot, and our unwillingness to implement common sense policies like same day registration deter our constituents from participating in the electoral process. If we want to create a truly representative municipal government, we must commit to expanding the electorate, deepening our definition of democracy, and ultimately bringing those in the margins to the center. Every place that we see our neighbors excluded from power offer us a unique opportunity to address barriers and to build a stronger social democracy. Of course, we can start by expanding the electorate, lowering the voting age, enfranchising immigrants and putting a ballot box in every jail. But ultimately, the democratic process doesn't and shouldn't end after a vote is cast. We the people, all the people should have the power. Not just to elect our representatives, but to fully participate in every decision, discussion and deliberation that impacts our daily lives. Excuse me. We, the people can rearrange our values and put people over profit. Protect workers, democratize workplaces, and guarantee sustainable livelihoods so that our families can thrive. We the people. Can eliminate the

threat of displacement, expand community controlled land trust, build more social housing and support tenant unions. We the people. Consent for indigenous sovereignty and implement environmental protections that keep borders most vulnerable communities resilient in the face of climate change . We? The people. Can move to restore municipal voting rights for immigrants and get one step closer to our vision of a transformative social democracy, one where the democratic process starts at the ballot but expands beyond the walls of local government into every workplace, home and school. So that the working class people who make our country, our state and our city what it is today have the power to collectively self-determine their future. Because democracy does not come from the top. It comes from the bottom. It doesn't reverberate out from the center, but instead it echoes inwards from the farthest of the margins. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Counsel Lawrence. Excellent. Excellent speech. Maiden speech with. Very inspired by those words. Would anyone else like to add their name to docket 03234 to speak on the matter? But I wouldn't like to speak on the matter, I should say first. The Council recognizes District City Council. Ricardo Arroyo. You have the floor. Thank you, President Flynn. I just want to commend Councilor Lira on a beautiful maiden speech and for making the very first thing that you do on the council. Move to enfranchise more members and residents of our communities and to have more voices that are often unheard brought into this space and into this chamber. So I deeply appreciate that. I also want to say that this is great that you are moving forward on this. This is something that

we've seen in different iterations. I know my father presented this in 2000, I think it was six or seven, and we got very close. It failed 7726, six. It was very close. And then Councilor Campbell also brought this forward as something to explore. And I think we've seen this now in many, many cities, most recently in New York. And I think it's important to note for folks who often say, you know, become a citizen. This is the entire incentive. Many residents, many legal residents have been trying to become citizens for decades. The process in this country is essentially broken. It's something that is not a surprise to many in terms of a conversation. That's not something that is a shocking statement to say that our process for legalization and for citizenship is a broken process. Many people have debated the system on this for decades, but frankly, you can have people who are in that process for 20, 30 years on, and those are folks that are paying taxes. Those are folks who are sending their kids to our schools. Those are folks who are participating in all the other ways in which our communities impact their lives and deserve a voice in how and when those decisions are made. And so I look forward to this hearing. I commend you for having the courage and the foresight to put this on the floor. And I look forward to attending and participating in this hearing whenever it is set. So thank you. President Clinton. Thank you, Counselor Laura. And please add my name. Thank you. Counsel Arroyo. The Chair recognizes District City Council. Kenzie Bar Council. BLOCK You have the floor. Thank you so much, Mr. President. I also want to thank Counselor Laura for such a wonderful maiden speech and to ask you to add my name, Mr. President, and just say that it has my thoughtful and strong support. I think I, as some folks know, lives abroad for a few years in the UK, which was at the time part of the European Union. And one of the things that I think is interesting over in Europe is there's a there's a norm in most European countries. If you're living in a country that's different from your own citizenship, you can't vote at the national level for the president, but you can vote in your city. And the reason is because there's a recognition like Councilor Laura saying that like I mean, democracy, we the people, it's got to be the people to the left and the right of us around in our city. The people who are doing the work, living their lives, going like, you know, are just part of the fabric. And I think that this is a this is a great thing for this council to take up. I think I wouldn't be surprised. I think this council might be the first majority, either immigrant or child of immigrant council, maybe for 100 years, going back to the initial Irish immigration. And I just think I think it is a very worthy topic for us to take up. So I'm grateful to Councilor Laura and please add my name. Thank you, Counselor Buck. Would anyone else like to speak on this matter?

Okay. Thank you, President Flynn. Also, congratulations, Cancellara on a great maiden speech. My parents had their own immigration citizenship journey here and fortunately our citizens. But so many of my aunts were similarly at polls on election day, telling people into English they could muster to vote and they should have also been given that opportunity. There are other cities where this is happening. And so as the chair of Civil Rights and Immigrant Advancement, I'm very excited for this hearing and to push this through, through so that we can have a more inclusive democracy

and so we can really center the voices of our immigrants here in our city. So thank you. Thank you. Console And anyone else like to speak on this matter. Counsel Fernandez Anderson, you have the floor. For the record, this is not my maiden speech. I just wanted to thank you, Councilor, for your courage and for articulate lady that so, ah, so eloquently. I myself. I became a citizen in 2019. I lived in this country for almost 20 years, undocumented. I came when I was ten. I ran a campaign and I wasn't a citizen and also then ran for office in 2000, voted for the very first time in 2020, and then ran for office in 2021. And today, here I am, a district city councilor. So I deeply understand this issue and have dedicated myself for 33 years to a country, to a society, to a city that I could not vote in. I look forward to the discussion, and I thank you again and I applaud you for your courage, because it does take more than insight. Connection and relativity. To be able to understand this issue. But it takes courage for. You to actually be at the forefront to lead this. Thank you and great job when. You made the speech. Thank you. Councilor Fernandez Anderson, the chair recognizes council and council. Great. And you have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. I also want to thank Councilor Laura for an amazing maiden speech. Very, very important issue that you're raising. And I look forward to the conversation when we have the hearing. I also am an immigrant. I came in 95. I became a citizen in 2008. It's not an easy task to become a citizen. There's many hurdles. But for so many of our immigrants and in Boston and across our country, that doesn't stop them being civically engaged, participating in all sorts of ways in a democratic process. But they're not allowed to participate by voting. So I cut my teeth and working on campaigns for many, many years. And like your father, you know, talked, advocated was out there, but wasn't able to vote myself. But I really feel so much of our municipal government is involved with the daily lives of every Bostonian. Whether you come from another country or whether you are born and bred and lived here all your life, and those issues touch every aspect of our lives. So it's really important that that the residents of Boston are given more tools and more opportunity to participate in our civic process. And I really look forward to this con

versation about enfranchising more residents of Boston who are immigrants and look forward to bringing back those voices into the space. Thank you. Thank you, Councilor Braden. Anyone else like to speak on this? Anyone else who got their name, please add. Counsel Edwards Please add counsel Fernandez Andersen Please had counsel Rajan please. Ad Counselor We're all pleased. Counsel Murphy. Please add the chair. And I also wanted to briefly highlight myself and Counselor Edwards always spoke about the veterans community and many of the veterans that are overseas serving overseas are immigrants themselves. Many of them can't vote, but here they are serving our country in very difficult environments, hazardous environments willing to put their life on the line, die for our country , and I have the right to vote. So I just want to acknowledge the important hearing that you're bringing forward. Counsel, Laura, and you did an outstanding job with your maiden speech. Docket 030293 will be referred to the Committee on Civil Rights and Immigration Events on. 0323. Committee on Civil Rights, Immigration and Immigration Advancement. Docket 0324. Mr. Clarke, please read 03240324. To Murphy, the Chair Seek suspension of the rolls passage of docket 0388. All those in favor say I oppose. Same day the ayes have it docket has passed. Mr. Clerk, please read docket 0389. Duncan 0389 Counsel appealing for counsel. Edwards seek suspension of the rules passage of docket 0389 All those in favor say aye. Opposed say Navy. Ayes have it. The dog has passed. We're on to lead files. I'm informed by the court that there are three files. One is a letter of absence from Counsel Baker. The second one is a hearing order from Counsel Fernandez Anderson. The third is a resolution from Counsel Brady. The file should be on everyone's desk. We will take a vote to add these items to the agenda. All of those in favor of hearing the late file matters to the agenda say I oppose. Same day. The ayes have it. Thank you. The late file matters have been added to the agenda. The First Lady file matters. A letter of absence from counsel. Baker Mr. Clerk, if you can read the letter into the record. March 16th, 2022. Correspondence from City Councilor Frank Baker. Dear President Flynn, please be advised that I will not be in attendance at the Boston City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Please ask the clerk to please ask that the clerk read this matter into the record. Mr. Clark, please read Typekit 0438. Duncan Amber 0438 Council agreed and offered the following resolution in support of House 3457 and Senate 2309 and relative to electric bicycles. Thank you. The chair recognizes counsel Braden. Counsel Braden. And you have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. I move to suspend through 212 in order to add consumers, Louisiana and consumer back as original co-sponsors of this docket. Seeing and hearing. No objections. Counsel John and Bork are added

as co-sponsors. Chair recognizes Coun

selor Brady. Thank you, Mr. President. The use of electric bicycles or e-bikes has grown rapidly over the past several years, and they expect the expand mobility, particularly for seniors and people with disabilities. However, Massachusetts is one of four remaining states lacking adequate e-bike regulations joining Alaska, New Mexico and Rhode Island with a rating labeled problematic. The proposed bill would standardize regulations and grant e-bikes the legal classification necessary for implement implementing them as blue bikes in Boston. Several major cities have introduced e-bikes for their bikeshare systems, including New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia and Seattle. The bill would provide legal options for municipalities with jurisdiction over shared use paths to determine if, when and where e-bikes are allowed. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill to improve mobility access for all. And Mr. President, I would seek to suspend the rules in passage of an adaptation of this resolution today, after my co-sponsors have had an opportunity to speak on it. Thank you. Thank you, Counsel. And. Each year. Recognize this council. Illusion. Council illusion. You have the. Floor. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Counselor Graydon, for introducing this resolution. E-bikes are great. Encourage folks to try them. We need to find. Make sure that we are building a multimodal city and make sure that we are allowing for legal classification to allow them so that we can continue to build out the multimodal city. I am not an E biker. I am a biker, but I am an E-SCOOTER and even that lax classification here under state law. So there's a lot that we can need to do if we are committed to building a city that is open not just to cars, but to cars and bikes and e-bikes and scooters so that we can be multimodal as a city. So this is just the beginning. I know that the Boston Cyclists Union, they're the ones first introduced me to e-bikes and the issue of e-bikes here in the city. So credit to them in the work that they're doing. But yes, thank you for your leadership on this issue, Councilor Braden. And hopefully this will get through the state legislature so that we can have more e-bikes on our roads. Thank you. Thank you. Counsel illusion. The chair recognizes counsel board counsel Bach. You have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. And thanks again to co-sponsors counsel Brandon and Louise and I. I feel like e-bikes are just such an exciting thing in the sense that, you know, when we talk about really widening access to bicycling to a wider set of people anywhere where you got to go up and down hills, like, you know, the fact that you can have that electronic assistance, it really gives more folks access. It helps more people use it as a reliable commuting option. And when we think about a city where, frankly, delivery vehicles are currently choking our streets, the possibility of having like e-bike cargo delivery, like what the citie

s already looking at is it's exciting. And it's potentially a way to move a lot of people and goods more efficiently in a way that's more climate friendly. But it's really important that the city take its like health and safety regulatory capacities on board on this. And the only way we can really do that is through state action that enables us to do that, because the reality that we have seen in a bunch of jurisdictions is that when you don't do that, when you have heavy utilization of, for instance, like electric scooters and bicycles go up in an area, you do see more head trauma in and in emergency rooms. And that's because there's not necessarily a safe place on the street for them. It's because, you know, we don't have some of the same norms around about helmet wearing that we might want. And now things are going even faster. And also, you know, I always think at the top of the Vision Zero pyramid is the pedestrian. And I think it becomes all that much more important that we have our bicycles and other electric vehicles off of the sidewalks and onto their own street space. But we can only do that and have those riders be safe if we're also making them safe on the street. And just fundamentally, the city's hands are tied a bit in the way that we can regulate the space and organize and really enable that multi-modal future that my colleague talked about until there's actually a category. Because right now, by law, like the e-bike doesn't exist. There's like bicycles and there's cars. But this kind of in-between category of something that can go faster than is safe to be on the sidewalk. But where people are not as protected as they are in a two ton vehicle, that's not really like a category that exists by law. So I'm grateful that our colleagues up at the State House are trying to make that category exist so that we can then do our work as a city and and regulate it at the municipal level. And I hope that they'll be successful. Thank you, Mr. President. That Thank you, counsel. And from the chair to the sponsor council. Just one question on on e-bikes. Is there a helmet requirement or a or a speed limit requirement? I think this is. We are we are asking that this this issue will be looked at at the state level and they will determine those those

issues. It's really just to put it into the conversation and establish some some norms around e-bikes, because, as constable said, they're not even recognized as a as a form of vehicular transportation right now incarcerated. The chair recognizes Councilor Flowery and then Councilor BLOCK Council. Clarity of the floor. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Please add my name of tried and tested one of these things. You may have seen the video. All right. The bike. I'll leave it at that. But it's all. I think that its time has come. And hopefully someday I'll own five of them. But in the meantime, I support my colleague and I support this resolution. So please add my name. Thank you. Counsel. Clarity. No one's question

ing. Questioning you, but I'm going to ask we're going have to take a look at the video tonight. Council thoroughly to see you on the bike. Thank you, Councilor. Clarity. The chair recognizes Council BLOCK. I was just going to say it's also a response to your question. So basically the challenge right now is that we're not the state has not given us permission to have e-bike specific regulations. And so that's part of what this would do, is it would allow us to address all those issues. And the proposed legislation also actually makes distinctions depending on what on what type of e-bike they are, in the sense of how fast what their maximum speed is and stuff, because that's in many ways the really important thing. So something that's basically a regular bicycle that just gives you like a little electric assist push when you're going up the hill is not going to be treated by the state law the same way as something that can take you 30 or 40 miles hours. Thank you, Counsel. Anyone else I'd like to speak on this matter or raise or add your name? Please raise your hand. Please add councilor. Royal Councilor Baker Councilor Edwards Council Fernandez Anderson. Laura Summer here council. Murphy Council. We're all pleased that the chair as well. Not also great and seek suspension of the rules and adoption of Dorking 0438. All those in favor say aye. I oppose the seven. The resolution has passed has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read docket 04390439. Duncan Number 0467 Councilors Flynn and Braden offered the following in order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the city of Boston. Thank you, Mr. Clarke. The chair now recognizes Councilor Flynn. Councilor Flynn, you have the floor. Thank you, Counsel Royal May I suspend Rule 12 and add Counsel Murphy as an original sponsor? Seeing and hearing no objection. Councilor Murphy. So added. Councilor Flynn, you have the floor. Thank you. Thank you to my colleagues, counsel Brady and counsel Murphy, but also all of my colleagues that have been working diligently on pest control related issues, whether it's over the last couple of months or over the last several years. This is this is an issue that I receive. I receive many calls on each day from throughout my district South Boston, the South End, Chinatown, Bay Village in other areas. It's a public health situation. It's a public safety situation, and it's a quality of life concern for me and for residents of the city. When discussing rodent control, we also need to talk about the illegal dumping that's happening across our city, but also talking about the proper way to take out a trash barrel. And part of that has to be an educational component to residents on the effective in proper way of taking out a barrel and how to store it and how to clean it. It seems simple, but these quality of life issues are critical. It's important that we discuss pest control because it's it's literally impacting every neighborhood across the city. And I'm going to hopefull

y work with my colleagues in advocating for more funding during during the budget process to address this critical issue. So, again, want to say thank you to all of my colleagues to Mayor Will and her team. I've been on several walk walk rounds on various neighborhoods with with public works, with code enforcement, with inspectional services, especially in the South End about this issue. So again, I want to say thank you to the dedicated city employees that work on this issue, on this issue, but they need more support from from us as well. Thank you. Councilor Arroyo. Thank you, Councilor Flynn. The chair now recognizes Councilor Braid and Councilor Bratton. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you to President Flynn for continuing to include me as a co-sponsor on this important topic. Pest control and pest on rodent infestations are certainly a big issue all across our city and neighboring municipalities. As we hear on the news about other Newton and Somerville and Cambridge have seen similar problems. But also Brighton has also and has achieved the dubious honor of being named Rat City for a reason. And with the vast influx of development occurring in the neighborhood, we are seeing many, many more complaints from from residents about the increased presence of rodents in our in our in our yards and in in our streets and in our restaurants, not in our restaurants, but around our outdoor dining facilities. And in our restaurants. We also have a huge number of absentee landlords, many of whom are not are not do

not provide adequate as trash receptacles and do not keep their premises clean and tidy to prevent rat infestation. The other concern we have is we just heard in a recent hearing that we are no longer going to be able to put mattresses into trash. They put them out on trash day. It's a big concern that as we change these rules about mattress disposal beginning in November, that we will we can anticipate an increased incidence of illegal dumping and inappropriate disposal that would further increase rat infestations across our city. So I look forward to the conversation. I hope that this is a perennial conversation. I think we've been talking about this for years, but I hope that we can continue to push for more adequate funding to help address these issues and also to see if we can innovate and come up with good solutions. This is not just a problem with the rodents themselves, but also with human behaviors and how we dispose, how we live in an urban setting, and try and try and limit the opportunities for rodent infestations. It's not rocket science. Rodents have a hierarchy of needs water, food and shelter. And if we can educate our residents about appropriate trash disposal, etc., hopefully we can move the dial on some of these issues. Thank you. Thank you. Councilor Brady chair now recognizes Councilor Murphy. Thank you. So many neighborhoods across the city we know has have a road and problem. I've had one

for years on my street, so I'm happy to join President Flynn and Councilor Braeden to tackle this issue. Like Council of Flynn said, this is a quality of life and a public health issue. And my office gets calls and emails all the time, not just from Austin Brighton, which I know most of the calls do come from, but from neighborhoods across, you know, every neighborhood in the city. So I look forward to the work ahead. Thank you. Thank you, Councilor Murphy. But anyone else likes to speak on this matter. See, Councilor, me here. Councilor, me here. The floor is yours? Yep. Thank you. To the makers. Really excited to. Have this conversation. Just want to point out a few things. One, in terms of accountability, we also need to lean in to developers, right, in terms of how they do business here in the city of Boston. Because when development happens in our city, we see a high influx of Romans. And I think that that's something that we need to lean into in terms of who needs to be on that target list. And then I also want to uplift landlords, right? Landlords also have a role to play in this. So I think that it's great that we are including them. And then it's also important for us as a city to look at and management companies. There are a lot of folks, the CDC is that get money to support and be property managers. But I get calls all the time from parents and families who are dodging literally rats every single day and, you know, don't see themselves really being heard. So I think that in terms of accountability, we need to ensure that we're bringing the management companies into these conversations because they also have a role to play in how we deal with this situation. And I think, you know, I always think back about during remote learning, there were a lot of young people who were afraid to turn on their cameras because they were afraid that their their classmates would see Bruins cockroaches and mice passing across the screen. And I think that that speaks volumes to the social emotional impact that this is also making on our students. So I just wanted to look that up. Thank you, Councilman here. Councilor Laura, the floor is yours. Thank you, Terry. I just wanted to thank President Flynn and the other co-sponsors. I think that this is a unique opportunity for us to collaborate with other neighboring cities. I think, as Councilor Braeden mentioned, this is an issue that is a regional issue. City councilor at large from Somerville, Charlotte Kelley famously ran her campaign with a rat plan for Somerville, and Somerville has a free pest control assistance program that they run that they offer to homeowners. And so there's a lot of there's opportunity for us to innovate. And there's also a lot of best practices that are really put in place by our counterparts in surrounding cities. And so my hope is that we can invite them to talk about what they've implemented and how we can recreate some of that here in the city of Boston as well. Thank you, Council

ilior Chair. And I recognize that Councilor Flaherty can set fire to the floor. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Please add my name and just through the make or just a suggestion that we bring obviously AC and maybe the fire department, the solution to this issue is dry ice. The problem is apparently someone has patented it and it was called rat ice. So it now requires our road and control division when they want to administer this, which is the safest and most humane way to address the issue. They have to get in a vehicle, drive up to Goulburn and get what's called a label, which is basically a permit. They then have to turn around and then go down to Rockland and pick up the dry ice and then come back to the city of Boston. Colossal waste of time. So we need to figure out a way through ESD, maybe our fire department, and maybe the council through ordinance to allow the

Inspection Service Department to get dry ice right over at the Newmarket area, which is where they used to get it before someone got cute with smart or whatever term you want to put on it. And they've now patented it, which now prevents municipalities like Boston to be able to utilize a very useful tool to combat rodent infestation. And for those that know anything about the Norwegian rat and how they migrate and how they repopulate all of that stuff, reproduce, you know that the baiting and the traps only go so far. But also when you have experts in which we've had experts in this chamber, they talk about they've almost become immune to some of the the the pesticides, the bait that we're using. In fact, they've built up such a tolerance that, you know, in the old days, they would only take a little bait, would work. And now you literally have to put a basically a pound of bait to be able to sort of just to be able to maintain some sense of catching up. Dry ice eliminates all that. And so you think about the rats that have burrowed in the common and or all of our parks or around our developments, walk along the developments. When you take tours in your district and see all the rat holes along sides of the building, try to solve that problem almost instantaneously. So again, through the maker, if you could make sure that we get ESD, maybe the fire department, maybe even state regulators, because this is there's a solution to this problem. It's very simple. It's dry ice. However, our hands are tied because someone has patented his regulations that oversee it. Thank you, Mr.. Thank you. Councilor Flaherty, the chair recognizes Councilor Flint yet. Thank you. Thank you, Councilor Roy and I certainly agree with my colleague, Councilor Clarity. We will have that discussion here about dry ice. We will have the appropriate city agencies. And that is our plan is to try to come up with a solution where we have easy access city city officials have easy access to dry ice, because that's a huge that's a huge asset for us in dealing with dealing with this issue. All of us in the South End, in one of the p

ublic galleries two weeks ago, and the amount of rodents and rats in that area, the only way they could kill them is through through dry ice. But the other aspect I fail to mention that I want to mention now, since I have that opportunity, the city is coming up with the composting citywide. So we also want to make sure that when the city of Boston comes out with the composting plan, that there's a huge educational aspect to it. It's not as simple as just just disposing of the of the food. Waste is a there's a process to it that residents need to be educated. The other aspect is we also need to educate our residents that don't speak English. And we have to have a campaign around around the city in various languages so that we can educate people in different languages about this quality of life, this public health. I call it an emergency, really. So thank you. Thank you. To council clarity. And when I do when we do have this committee hearing, my goal was to keep it and keep it open so that we can meet on it every every month. So what? The various experts continue to learn about it and continue to make progress on it. I had the opportunity to talk to the city of Newton last month. The City of New York has an excellent rodent pest control program, but a lot of good cities are doing great work on this. On this issue, it's about also about working together. So, again, I want to say thank you to my colleagues for their interest and their work on this issue for for a long period of time. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Councilor Flynn. Chair recognizes Councilor Buck. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to dovetail on that, to say that as the Chair of City Services, I very much think this is like the it is like the ultimate in like basic city services. And like, what does it mean to have a clean and sanitary city? And so definitely look forward to working with the president and the co-sponsors around both holding that hearing and, as he suggested, keeping it open, making sure that that's an ongoing conversation throughout the term. So looking forward to it. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Councilor Buck. But anyone else like to add their name? Please add Mr. Clarke, please add Councilor Bok, please add Councilor Edwards. Please add Councilor Fernandez Anderson. Please add Councilor Flaherty. Please add Councilor Lara. Please add Councilor Lily. Jan, please and councilor here. Please add Councilor Rowland, please add my name. Seeing no further due at docket 0467 will be assigned to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology. Thank you, Ms.. Clare. You. Thank you. Thank you, Counsel Royal. Mr. Clerk, please read docket 04680468. Thank you. Counsel Baker. Docket 0265 will remain in committee motions. Orders, resolutions. Mr. Clerk, please read 05100510. Councilors Flynn and Murphy offer the following petition for a special law enacted regarding the disability pension for Kurds stalking. Andrew. Thank you, Mr. Clarke. The chair

now recognizes Councilor Flynn. Councilor Flynn, you have the floor. So a royal council. Royal, may I add? Council carry on as an original co-sponsor. Seeing no objections. Council clarity is now

added as an original co-sponsor. Thank you. Council Royal. This is also being filed with Council Counsel Murphy as well. This is this is about a Boston police officer named Kurt Stoke and Joe, who grew up in in my neighborhood. He entered the police academy in 2006, started in the Boston Police Department, 2007, the dedicated police officer for 19 years. On January eight, 2016, he responded to a call and he was shot. This left Kurt permanently disabled from any further service as a police officer. He is. May already has two children which sit with seven and four at the time of the tragedy. His wife, who is currently in remission from cancer, has been working full time as a nurse throughout COVID. Um. I'm going to ask. Councilor Murphy, if, um, if she will continue. I know she has spoken to the family, but for the. As a possibility to continue. Thank you. Councilor Murphy, you now have the floor. Thank you. So when I did speak with Kurt, he told me that he worries about how he can continue to care for his family from sunrise to sunset every day. He suffers from anxiety, depression, nightmares, sleep deprivation. And this has. Completely impacted the quality of his life in a very significant way for himself, his wife, his children and his extended family. Kurt, even though he is still suffering mentally six years later, is willing to come in and testify when we hold our hearing. And I do ask my colleagues to support this request, knowing that we don't take this lightly at all. We have to look at the circumstances, medical records and the facts of each individual case and make our decision accordingly. But I do ask my colleagues to support this. Thank you. Thank you, Councilor Murphy. The chair now recognizes Counselor Larry. Now, does anyone else want to speak on this matter? Seeing no one. Would anyone else like to add their name? Mr. Clarke, please add Councilor Baker, please add councilor boxes. Add Councilor Braden, please add Councilor Fernandes. Anderson please add Councilor Lara please add Councilor Lui ten please add Councilor me here. Please add Councilor Rowland, please add my name as well. Docket number of 510 will be assigned to the Committee on Government Operations. Probably, yeah. If we can read Mr. Clarke docket. In just his. 051430514 Council offline offered the following resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of Paralyzed Veterans of America. Docket 054140544. Will be placed on file reports of Mr. Clarke. Please read Dawkins 03470347. The Committee on Arts and Culture, to which it was referred on March 9th, 2020, to talk in numbers 0347 message in order authorizing the city of Boston to accept and expand the amount of \$266,500 in the form of a grant from for the fiscal year 22 Local Cultural Council program awarded by the Massachuse

tts Cultural Council to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovation, arts, humanities and interpretive sciences programing that enhance the quality of life in our city. Submits a report recommending that the order ought to pass. Thank you. The chair recognizes Councilor Edwards, chair of the Committee on Arts, Culture, Special Events Council. Edwards, you have the floor. Thank you very much. We had a I think, a very brief hearing about this non-controversial grant that we've received many years in a row from the state of Massachusetts. We I wanted to commend the court, the arts commissioner, and the folks who have worked on the local cultural care or excuse me, multicultural council program, specifically for prioritizing smaller organizations led by bipoc individuals to make sure that they were first in line to receive some of the grants. And I also wanted to thank them for shouting out the Cultural Council and hopefully recruiting more people from Boston to serve on that council to help advise our arts program for the city. But ultimately, it was a great hearing. I think we all asked our questions and ultimately want nothing more than for this money to get in the hands of those who need it. So I move today that we vote for this for these funds to be accepted. Thank you. Councilor Edwards, the chair of the Committee on Arts, Culture Special Events, seeks acceptance of the committee report and passage of Docket 0347. All those in favor say aye. All opposed nay. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Please read docket zero four, zero two and 0403 together, ducking them a0402. The Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, to which was referred on March 23rd, 2020 to Docket Number 0402 message in order approving a supplemental appropriation of \$2,954,828 to cover the fiscal year 22 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement contract term submits a report recommending that the order are to pass number 0403 the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, to which was referred on March 23rd, 2022. Docket 0403 Message In order to reduce the fiscal year 22 appropriation for the reserve for collective bargaining by \$2,954,828. To provide funding for various department departments for the fiscal year 22. Increases contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the city of Boston and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. AFL CIO Council 93 have Smith submits a report recommending that the order ought to

pass. Thank you. The chair recognizes counsel, board chair of the Committee on City Services, Innovation Technology Council blocking of the floor. Thank you so much, President Flynn. We held a hearing on this docket, these two dockets on April 19th, 2022. And I want to thank President Flynn for joining me at that hearing. As was mentioned in the summary of the docket, this is for me. We've got 1040 employee

es who are covered by this bargaining unit. It's the second of the many unresolved contracts that are outstanding that have come before the council in this session for council ratification of their funding. It follows the same pattern as the one that we that we approved a couple of weeks ago. So that's, as was mentioned, the 2% raise effective October 2020, the 1.5% October 2021, and then the 2% for October 2022. It also includes a \$1,000 lump sum payment for each member related to the fact that the Acme employees across a number of different departments in the city, most of them were really in pretty frontline roles during the pandemic. And so that was an item that came up at the bargaining table. Unlike the Senate contract, it also adds Juneteenth as a recognized holiday within the contract and also adds a couple of wellness days in July in relationship to the vaccine. Moa. The you know, one of the things that we discussed in the committee was just, you know, Councilor Flynn raised the question of why is that? Why is that middle year 1.5 instead of 2%? I mean, partly has to do with the fact that this is the. The contracts that are being settled this year, they kind of have to work with the bargaining reserve that we had for the last year because we're back funding things right from prior fiscal years. And so there's a little bit of a limitation of scope of what was in the bargaining reserve for FY 21 and 22. But again, I think the lump sum payment was part of that conversation. We one of the things we raised was that the council, in sort of the last round of big contract resolutions some time ago now in 2015, expressed the fact that, you know, when we're setting a pattern, we want to make sure that our civilian workers in the city are seeing their pay increase in ways that are comparable to foreign workers, because that's that's kind of gone out of whack in the last 20 years. So these are civilian this is asking is the biggest civilian union that besides the teachers union that's still outstanding. Um, and, uh, yeah, it was, it was a good, good hearing. I will just say that I know because I heard from them that we have a large number of absentee members who are eager for this to be passed because the way this works for folks who are new is that folks don't get their retroactive pay increase until this is approved and funded by the council. Um, so I know that there are people waiting on those checks and you know, I think it's consistent, like I said, with the pattern that's come before us already and that seems, um, within the fiscal capacity of the city. We had both Jim Williamson, the budget director, and Lou Mediterranean, the special advisor for the mayor, come and join us on the 19th. So. Mr. Chair, my recommendation, um, for these two dockets, again, just operationally, one is for us to actually take the money and draw down the bargaining reserve, which we approved at the last budget cycle. And then the other is to actually appropriate

it across these various departments to fund the contract. And so my recommendation, Mr. Chair, is that both docket 0402 and 0403 pass. Thank you. Thank you, Councilor Barker. The Council blocked the chair on the Committee of City Services. Innovation Technology seeks acceptance of the Committee report and passage of Docket 0402. All those in favor say I oppose. Nay, the ayes have it. The docket has passed. Council block the chair on the Committee of City Services Innovation Technology seeks acceptance of the committee report in passage of Docket 0403. All those in favor say I am all opposed. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Mr. Clerk, please read docket 0434 Duncan 0434. The Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, to which was referred on March 30th, 2022. Duncan Number 0434 Message In order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Cook as a member of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for a term expiring March 30th, 2026 instructional software. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment, sales and repair fees for Boston Public School technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$2 million. Submits a report recommending the order to pass docking of a0490. The Committee and Ways and Means, to which was referred on April 13, 2020 to Dorking Number 0490. Message In order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2023 to support the K9 units training program for officers and police dogs from non city of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operating Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for the K-9 unit. The tuition and other fees by outside agencies will be used to purchase

training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund, and such expenditures shall be capped at \$125,000. Submits a report recommending that the order be to pass. Lucky number 0491 The Canadian Ways and Means to which was referred on April 13, 2022. Thank you, Dorcas 0720. Besides the Committee on Planning, Transportation Development, Mr. Kirk. Please read Dr. 0721. Number 0721. The County Constable Bonds of James Darby. Sheila Darby. William McQueen. Michael Janus. James Burke. Frank Privett. Russell Castagna. George Reece. Lucier McLean. McLean. Robert Masina. Michael Lopes. William Doniger. Mark Kominsky Gabriel as a book and Whiskey Machado, Giovanni Colon, Derek Hughes, Tyrone Grant, Nikola Twitter and Keith Christiansen has been. Duly approved and received by the collector. Treasurer. The. The chair recognizes counsel, clarity, counsel, clarity of the floor for suspension and passage of docket zero 7 to 1. Obviously, service process in the city is essential and these individuals obviously have been duly approved and

their livelihoods and businesses depend on it, asking for suspension and passage so we can get them their licenses and get them out there. Thank you. That could. Docket. Docket 0721 is approved under usual terms and conditions. Reports of committees, Mr. Kirklees retorted. 0487205012. The police. Take some. Docket number 0487 the Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred on April 13, 2020 to Duck. And then enough docket number 0487 message in order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2023 to support the maintenance and repair of facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extending building time, floor .0726 Council Operate in Louisiana offer the following resolution designating June 2022 as LGBTQ Plus Pride Month. The. The Chair recognizes Councilor Braden. Councilor Braden. You have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you to my colleagues and for your accommodation. I have to leave for an important meeting very shortly. So thank you so much. May I please seek suspension of the rules in order to add Constable Baucus and original co-sponsor in addition to myself and Council Louisiana, please. Hearing no objections. Baucus Order. I offer this resolution and recognition, celebration and further commitment to the ongoing and very necessary work. Given June being Pride Month and as I expressed at the start of the meeting, it is an honor that Peggy of Dignity Boston was able to offer the council blessing today. LGBTQ, A-plus individuals in particular transgender and gender nonconforming individuals, especially those of color, face a disproportionately high risk of becoming victims of violent hate crimes. And in 2022, thus far, there has been at least 14 transgender people fatally shot or killed by or by other violent means. The COVID 19 pandemic has compounded the systemic and inequity of the LGBTQ eye to plus individuals face in health care, employment and housing systems across the United States, which has led to a disproportionate a disproportionate impact on this community and as individuals. Recently, the city has made strides towards attaining further equity for LGBTQ two plus members of our community with the Mayor's Inaugural Office of LGBTQ Plus Advancement tasked with developing policies and community oriented programming. We will provide resources for the city's multicultural, multi-generational and multilingual LGBTQ plus community. We are very excited to welcome. Quincy Roberts is the executive director leading the office to empower and protect and advance the rights and dignity of the LGBTQ plus residents across the city. And I invite my colleagues on the City Council and across the city departments to commit to furthering the values of Pride Month, not just in June , but as an interdisciplinary approach to ensuring the needs of the LGBTQ. Plus, folks are integrated into city and council constituent services through an equity lens. Pride Month is a recognition tha

t there is more work to do to enshrine civil rights protections and build a future for all individuals, especially our LGBTQ plus brothers and sisters and and transgender community. And while we celebrate pride in our community and in our communities existence, resilience and achievements to date, we must commit, recommit to the work that still lies ahead. As I mentioned last year when I spoke about this, I had never experienced a pride celebration in my life until I came to Boston in June of 29, 1996 , I, I attended the interfaith service at Old South Church, and I'd never been in a house of worship that recognized me, saw me, and celebrated my existence. And I sat there and cried and cried even today. But I sat there and cried as I saw this incredible outpouring of warmth and support for the LGBTQ. I. Q Plus, I keep my community in Boston, and I was I had, you know, I was sitting there, the tears running down my cheeks, and this really nice Irish guy from Dorchester

was keeping me and the tissues and holding my hand. And I was like, This is incredible. And then I walked out the door and I bumped into the mayor of Boston with a police color guard and LGBTQ. Color guard and I've got like blown away. Like I come from Northern Ireland where you went to the Pride Parade and you had a bag over your head because you didn't want to be recognized, because you could lose your job, you could be discriminated against, you could be physically abused and assaulted. It was very different. And but I also want to say that in this moment with the with the attack on the woman's right to choose and have access to a comprehensive woman's health care, including an abortion, is a movement in this. And there's a movement in this country to sort of push us back into the shadows. There's a movement in this country to make us go back into the closet and hide. There's a movement in this country that tries to not not give us our rights as equal citizens. So I really feel that in this moment, we have to reaffirm our commitment to recognizing our LGBTQ close brothers and sisters. And really. Dig in and affirm the dignity of all human beings, but especially the members of this community and in this moment. So I thank my co-sponsors for joining me in this, and I ask the city council to support this resolution. Thank you. Thank you, counsel. Bret and the chair recognizes counsel. Illusion, little console, illusion. You have to fall. Thank you, Mr. President. And I want to thank you for thinking of me and adding me to this. And I want to thank you for the grace that you both you and your partner have showed to me from the very beginning. I really appreciate it. This, for me, in this space, actually has has a lot of meaning, because in my early twenties and my friends and I were I think I told the story before were thrown out of a nightclub in Boston because we were black. And it really was a drawing experience for me. You know, we faced discrimination, of course, as black people

trying to attend nightlife or go to clubs in Boston, but never to the extent that we experienced it that night. And I remember, you know, then Councilor Pressley finding out about it and asking me to come testify before city council. And I was sitting here and I remember it very clearly. I'm sitting right where I was sitting and next to me. And it was just it was a panel about discussion about discrimination in the city of Boston. And next to me was a trans activist who talked about his experience of discrimination in the city of Boston. And after I gave my testimony, I really forgot what I said because of how much I had learned from the person sitting next to me. And that person is someone who has continued to be someone in my life that I think about and reach out to when it comes to issues affecting our LGBTQ community, I came here, you know, sharing information about my own experience and really understanding how intersectional all of our issues are and how interdependent we are all on our each other for our for our freedom. And so that sitting here in this city council more than a decade or so ago and having coming full circle and co-sponsoring this resolution means a lot to me. You know, a person who sat next to me no longer lives here in Boston, but I reach out to him from time to time to just, you know, tell him about the work that we're doing here on the council and how just influential he was in elevating the needs of all the communities, really, that are too often sidelined and silenced here, but particularly the LGBTQ plus community. And for him, the trans community here coming off of last weekend where on city hall there was a celebration of liberation for our trans community, led by trans wonderful trans activists and folks here. I just am so grateful that we have such voices elevating issues that matter most to our LGBTQ plus community. And I think, you know, Quincy Roberts is going to do an amazing job at the Office of LGBTQ Advancement, Jessie Bowman, who put on the celebration of liberation that honored leaders in the community like Grace and Usher, and so many people who put out so much of themselves to make sure that especially our trans women, our trans women of color are stunted when we talk about issues of health and housing. So, you know, this is a month of celebration and there's so much to celebrate, but it's also a reminder of the work that we have to do. And so I hope to always show up as an ally in the work and to be a good ally and to be steered when, you know, allies need to be steering. And I just am grateful for the opportunity to co-sponsor this resolution. So thank you. Consecrated. Thank you, Constitution. The chair recognizes counsel. Counsel. Bork, you have the floor. Thank you so much, Mr. President. And thank you so much to Counselor Braden for inviting me to join you and Councilor Lucian as a co-sponsor. And I think, as you've already heard from my colleagues, that, you know, this is a moment where we inte

rmingle joy with a sense of danger and a need for renewed resolve and on behalf of our liberty. Q I was community I, I have to say that it's a community that's very special to me. I think that I think I might be one of. One of sort of the first generation of American kids to ever grow up in a majority

LGBTQ community. I grew up in Bay Village, also known sometimes as Gay Village. It was this. It was the overflow of the South End's gay community at a time where that community was still stigmatized, still living in the shadows. Still to come, solutions point trying to create spaces of their own where they could be themselves. And and what's so interesting for me is that I didn't know that initially growing up. What I knew was the tremendous community of love that these people had structured because our LGBTQ parents were not mostly able to adopt and be parents. Yet it meant that I had all of these kind of aunts and uncles growing up in a village looking out for me and and just getting to know God belonging to a church that was one of the first kind of LGBTQ friendly churches in the city. And, and getting to know sort of the gay softball league as a norm and kind of like growing up in this context of joy. And then only as later as an adult really, you know, talking with and learning from these like, you know, mentors of mine in the community and really understanding, oh, when, you know, when we founded that softball league, we lost half the team to AIDS one year. Right. And, you know, when those like places that were we used to have the Bay Village Neighborhood Association Christmas party in gay club Napoleon and just understanding that those spaces had not even been allowed, had been shut down by the police, were not places that people could be. It just it it always reminds me that we've come that whole distance, even just in my lifetime. Even though I wasn't as aware of it when I was a kid, what I was aware of was the the tremendous love and mutual support that the LGBTQ community built up around each other and so many others at a time when our systems were not stepping up. And so I think it's a huge thing when the official system step up, when we get something like the LGBTQ office that the mayor is founding and that we're funding in this budget. Not to you know, I think it's worth saying that the budget that we voted on today includes the first funding for such an office, and that one of the council amendments that we just supported was to increase that even further. But I also think that that's structural. Those structural wins are hard won and they're not secure. As Councilor Braden said, they're not secure nationally. And I just in my last, I would say like 15 years have gotten to know so many trans individuals who still really bear the brunt of a very similar experience and an experience that unfortunately has not become better of what our other folks in the gay community were experiencing 30 years ago. And so I just really want to say in th

is pride, like I let's re commit ourselves both to that fight and and to the joy and incredible upwelling of love and and. Tremendous example that the LGBTQ community gives us. And I want to just shout out. I try to always shout out in these contexts here in City Hall, the employee resource group here, because they're doing so much to support all of our employees, everyone us. Emily Brown, my chief of staff, is on the executive committee. I'm along with a number of other really fantastic folks. And I just want to stress that even here in City Hall, we have a significant number of LGBTQ plus employees who are who are not out. You know, and I think that that it's just a testament to the fact that we have to not just be supportive in what we see as LGBTQ spaces. We have to be supportive and welcoming and building these structures of acceptance in in all of the spaces that we are in all the time. So I'm hoping to dedicate myself to that in Pride Month. And thank you so much, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Council BLOCK. The chair recognizes. Counsel me here. Counsel me here. You have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you to the sponsors. This is so. This is the first time on my council that I am not one of the co-sponsors of this. So I just really want to rise in support to just share my deep gratitude for this resolution that's being put forth today. As someone who started my career in youth development and the amazing privilege of working with Grace at Bagley and so many other nonprofit organizations that taught me so much about what it looks like to be truly embraced and what the real meaning of all means all was really all about, especially for so many young people who are experiencing so much here in the city of Boston. So I just wanted to add my name, and I also wanted to uplift my staff, in particular, Jacob Blake, who has taught me so much about what it means to be a fierce advocate for the LGBTQ community here. So much so that when we filed a resolution around reproductive rights, Jacob was so incredibly adamant about making sure that we talk about being gender inclusive of that language. And so when you think about the work that needs to be done here on the council and you think about the the staff that is behind so much of that work, it is important for us to recognize that we're only as good as the staff that we have. And when we have staff who are living the realities and doing the work, that we are better for that. So just want to give a shout out to to all of the efforts that my team makes every single day for us to make sure that we show up. I'm so pleased that my name. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. Here with anyone else to speak on this matter? The D

chair. Would anyone like to add the name? Please raise your hand. Mr. Kirklees council. A Royal Council Baker. Console collector console Fernandez Anderson console clarity console. Lara, console me here. Console Murphy, please. Out of the chair. Councilor Braden. Council

il illusion in Council Book six Suspension of the Rules and Adoption of Docket 0726. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. The resolution has been adopted. Congratulations. Mr. Clarke, we're going we're going to 0723. Mr. Couric, please read Dr.. Duncan Emma 043 to the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on March 30th, 2020 to Duncan Amber 0432 message in order for your approval, a home rule petition to the General Court entitled Petition for a Special Law regarding an act relative to relative to 30 be submits a report that the home will petition not to pass. Thank you. The Chair recognizes Council Royal Chair of the Committee on Government Operations Counsel. Royal. You have the floor. Thank you. Council President Flynn. As Chair of government operations, I move to substitute docket number 0432 with an amended draft which can be found on your desks. The amended committee report includes added language from the administration for this home rule petition, which would effectively include the following agencies the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, and the Water and Sewer Department, as well as the Boston Public Health Commission. Mr. Clarke, we should. Everyone should have the copy on their desk. Yes. Thank you. Councilor Arroyo, the chair of the Committee on Government Operation, seeks acceptance of the committee report and passage of Docket 0423 in a new draft. All those in favor say aye. Aye, aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it. Dorgan 0423 has passed. Mr.. Thank you, Miss Chair. Thank you. The committee held a hearing on June 10th, 2022, discussing the home rule petition sponsored by the mayor, which would give the city of Boston greater flexibility in awarding contracts to diverse, small and local businesses. The proposal would raise the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30 be rewritten, quote, contract maximum from \$50,000 to the state, small purchase to small purchase threshold as defined by the Operational Services Division for contracts with certified minority and women owned businesses currently as written. Chapter 30 Section four does not allow any preferences for disadvantaged, diverse or small and local businesses. This proposal would allow a procurement officer in the city of Boston to seek written quotations from at least three disadvantaged businesses, diverse businesses or small and local business enterprises as certified by the Massachusetts Supplier of Diversity Office or the City of Boston, effectively increasing opportunities in access to city contracting for minority and women owned businesses. I would like to thank my council colleagues who joined us, councilors me and were out. I'd like to also thank members of the administration Sandu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. Michael Miller, Director of Strategic Procurement Administration and Finance. And André Lima, Deputy Director of Supplier Diversity and the Boston resident's job p

olicy. During this hearing, we also heard from the advocates, and I would like to thank Kareem Keyboard II, senior policy and advocacy adviser for the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, as well as the Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston, for submitting written testimony in support of this formal petition. During the hearing, we were able to hear from the administration that this home rule petition is an important tool in decreasing barriers to city contracting, especially considering the city of Boston's 2020 disparity study, which showed us that from 2014 to 2019, black and Latinx owned firms were awarded 1.2% of the \$2.1 billion in city contracts for construction and professional goods and services. The administration explained that the written, quote, contract process is faster for staff than pursuing a full request for proposal and is less burdensome for small businesses. The committee discussed the importance of engaging with small businesses and the difficulties with supplier portal and efforts of supply, simplifying the process as well as changing the narrative by suggesting the promotion of the awards of contracts to small, diverse businesses in order to generate interest in applying for contracts are becoming a certified vendor. As I said earlier, this amended docket adds the following agencies to be covered in this home rule petition the Boston Housing Authority. The Boston Planning and Development Agency. The Water and Sewer Department. And Boston Public Health Commission. These amendments only further contribute to the opportunities for certified minority and women owned businesses and small and local businesses. Passage of this home rule petition would allow for more businesses to participate in city contracting and will allow the city to diversify the supply chain to make greater investments in small businesses here in the city of Boston. I recommend that this amended docket ought to pass in

a new draft. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Counsel Royal docket. That stock at 0432 has passed and a new draft. Mr. Clarke, please read it. So I don't think. We voted on what you supported. I believe we voted on it before. Before he spoke. Yeah. Let me let me let me do the let me do it again. All those in favor of passage of docket 0432 as passed in a new draft. Please say I am opposed. Nay. Drop it 0432 as Palestinian in New. Can we take a quick recess? Yes, we take a quick recess. We're back in session. Mr. Kirk, we're going to do a roll call vote on docket zero for three to please call the Roll Council. The Royal. Council. The Royal U.S. Council. The Baker Council. The Baker Council. Book Council. A BLOCK Yes. Council Braden. Yes. Council Braden, yes. Councilor Coletta. Council Coletta Yes. Council for an end to Sanderson Council for a name to Sanderson? Yes. Council Flaherty. Yes. Council Flaherty. Yes. Council Flynn. Yes. Councilor Flynn. Yes. Council. Borough Council Ah yes. Council illusion. Yes. That's illusion, yes. Council. Let m

e hear. Council, let me hear. Yes. Councilor Murphy. Yes. Councilor Murphy. Yes. You know. Thank you. Again talking 0432 has passed in a new draft. Mr. Kirklees redacted 04330539 and 0653 together. Talking number 0433 The Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks, to which was referred on March 30th, 2020 to talk in numbers 0433 message in order authorizing the city of Boston to accept and expand the amount of \$350,000 in the form of a grant for the Massachusetts Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. Dr. Number 8080830 Council Flynn for Council on Murphy. That was 808008300830. Okay. Council President Flynn seeks passage of 0830 on behalf of Councilor Murphy. All those in favor say i. I. I. I. Those opposed they nay. The ayes have it. Is good. Now we now on to green sheets. By the consent agenda. They feel sorry for losing them. It's been a long day. Remember, we had to do those by roll call. Yeah, well, I don't have a script, so I'm just up here for free flowing. Okay. You want to take it for me? Thanks. Thank you, counselor. I'll take. You to. We're on delay files. I'm informed by the clerk that there are seven lead files. Oh, well. Like this one. Well, okay. Okay. We'll get through them. We'll get to them. Everybody. Here. I hope. Excuse me. Excuse me. DeLay file matter includes personnel. A personnel order. Three, three. Three of them. Resolution from Council BLOCK and Braydon. The 17 million from the mayor for the ARPA funds and two letters from the mayor. 4 to \$4000 grants. Delayed file matters should be on everyone's desk at the. Three personnel orders in personnel. One and two. Two grant letters from the 4000. You have. Yeah. So this was. There's also an ordinance from for myself on personnel funds for the city council. Mr. Clarke, the late file should be on everyone's test. Everybody has the life files on their desk. They're being cast out now by Attorney Goldberg. We'll do the personnel orders first. Firstly, five men. A personal order of Council of Flynn for Councilor Louis Jim. Duncan Number 0816 Councilors. Councilor Fernandes Sanderson offer the following resolution recognizing July 5th as the de cap of Red Dennis. Now Boston, also known as Boston, Cabo Verde and State. The the chair recognizes. Councilor Fernandes Anderson. Councilor Fernandes Anderson. You have the floor. Q Mr. President and Mr. Clarke, that was a good try. I would like to first recognize, and I am not sure if she's here with us, but State Rep Liz Miranda, my fellow cover the our sister State Rep Liz Miranda for her amazing work for being a strong woman who stands in her truth and fearlessly fight on behalf of the people of the fifth Suffolk. Also, I would like to also recognize my brother, Paolo Amadou, the Barros DeBarge, executive director of Cape Verde and Association of Boston for his fierce community leadership and advocacy for the Cape Verdean community. Always. Against the NRA. You guys know I'm going to say this in Creole. Being the my my name. Y

ou nominated Tanya for lunch, Anderson. He ought to be in the pipeline to kill Chamberlain. Thinking. Joseph. I think he's going to be passing across this stuff right now as a gay man. Is it okay if I turn to. If I will? Yes. That's fine with you. You became the father. Massive man. Spent your soul being orgy. Orgy. Then Jiang File was a song for AC DC in cool, simple Zulu digi cover. Yes. You know, I'm you. Thank you for that, Anderson. You're not me, Sam. You frame me for that. MCCAMMON Kizer covered down with Without Me. I'm going and I'm excited for the match, Anderson. Mm hmm. Well, E Madhuku, there's an E in the model, but an apology to Lena Roxbury. Condone cheer. Gov. McCarthy. I have McCarthy e trabajo quatrains yan jun putting arrow e Miami and Mike. I believe I was going into the most similar kind of embarrassed if I can see it out of Katrina if you're going to go for use leads in Aviano send command reports no laws in to providing a chill go e precise knock over an accommodate Zuma followed by to do down said among Rosalina

Barasch is Joseph Bernstein point she that now Kony daddy. Do. Don Quixote Kylian Mbappe. Garland, Baga Trabaja. If you want to give a simple command to make a bag of confetti and a mighty, I can wear a map and pretend to be dad. But then children also getting killed, possibly at the conservatory. As you know, someone could even start hitting me when you can be in a meeting. If somebody connected with you, ask for something else. But then sending yours is before the map. I me a cup of be at three other fora. Then it wasn't like that. But I know. But I can bear the price on top of it. I mean, by the makeup idea, the army in temperature, I do my cutting and my dad can use that IKEA stuff because of the floor. But because of the flammable nose cover, the items are usually neutral, logical side Muslim food, not their food or nothing can put us on ground in order to do the tour again. Load up a compendium or look at them. But to dig out the important people look stubble is another northern typical some Lena markup beating your store for your baby oil she busted out of the box and Quentin deals the King family chill again it's got to be that move a lot it's because Sabine not the king of. My nose looked a fingerprint. Lord, the mythical star. I know some of them look at the people. Not the provider, and then look at the welfare customer that you can. Find out. A man who missed the only one who monstrously died in Boston. My novel sent me, you know. No, no, it isn't. Because on the nose, retired, you know, no sport as of my numerous interviews. I know. Numerous people. When you said numerous to spare to visit Candyman or the Jolie. So sent the mean couple into the arms then to the Boston to room ask you know masters you that mean get got the cut them that I I'm certain also since I don't seem Apollo again been to the comunidad again similar. Housing in tongue. Meaning those gasoline millions or you know via the anything c

orrosion you see I look to continue one no guy had shown we virtually no what to kill. You know all cancer children. The fact that Jill Baluchi died in the unknown. And the ominous with the commence the content of the loop that unsteadily represented the north the solution. To go nuts next time we now corruption then to reconsider. I believe the chamber lead maybe knows. Don't want to just meet again, but acquiesce to a single issue via the. Capital Gang's. Guide, Cape Verde and dates. They are the cut down meals ready for some media company out here. I don't envy. I happily rise to offer this resolution to recognize recognizing July 5th as dia de cap of the atoms. Now Boston, also known as Boston, Cabo Verde and State. On July 5th, 1975, after years of struggling against Portuguese colonialism by Amilcar Cabral de DNA, Silva and many others. Cabo Verde became an independent nation with Aristides PEREIRA as president and Pedro Pier as prime minister. Cabo Verde was one of the several Western African nations that engaged in a protracted struggle for its national liberation and independence. UGC, the leading organ of the struggle centered by Guinea-Bissau and Cabo Verde. In their efforts with an orientation of Pan-Africanism anti-colonialism and internationalism, they recognized that their enemy was just one element of the Western imperial project that acted to subjugate Africa and its peoples for centuries. Additionally, Boston is home to one of the largest Cabo Verde and communities in the country, with over 40,000 up to 60,000. Even in metro Boston, people of Cabo Verde and descent in the city alone. We have long roots in the area having begun our journey to the area in the early 19th century, and some would say it goes back all the way to 17th centuries in the whaling New England whaling ships. This immigration largely stemmed from European misuse of the land, which led to periodic famine on the island. We would suffer a famine every decade. The transatlantic slave trade left Cape Verde victim to piracy and therefore perpetuating famine. Every decade we exercise a measure, a major influence in Boston and in several surrounding communities, such as Brockton, New Bedford, Taunton and parts of Rhode Island. Particularly in Boston, we exert a power presence with our people, our food, our art, our music, our labor, languages, and more. Therefore, considering our substantial presence and influence, I strongly believe that the city of Boston should formally recognize July 15th as Cabo Verde Independence Day. And Mr. Clark, I got excited and did not ask to add my co-sponsors. I would. Like to I would like to add. Councilor Worrell and Councilor Frank Baker, please, who have been also who are represent districts where Cape Verdeans are largely live and have been strong advocates for the Cape Verdean community. Thank you. You know. Thank you, Counsel. Counsel Fernandez ended somewhat, though not hearing any objection. Counsel were all counsel, B

aker added. Would anyone else like to speak on this matter? The chair recognizes counsel Baker. Counsel Baker, do you have the floor? Thank you, Mr. President. And Counsel Fernandez. And the same great job. You make your people proud. I'm proud to stand here with you. And thank you for

allowing me to sign on with you. I do represent a lot of the people that are up there. And I stand with you and stand with the Cape Verdean community. Boston has been a place of welcoming. And if this welcomes your community, then let's let's do it. So I appreciate you adding me. Thank you very much. I'm honored to be here today. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Counselor Baker. The chair recognizes counsel, role counsel. World view of the fall. Thank you, President Flynn. And thank you, Counselor Anderson, for always being a strong voice for the Cape Verdean community. I think a lot of familiar faces in the crowd and recognize them. Pablo Torre, Barros, Albano, Joe Gustaf, Flavio, Tony Lopes. Try as I see you out there. But Sean Tall, our own very own. Sean Tall. Yes. Just wanted to say that I'm honored to serve and represent so many Cape Verdeans in the district. And one of my favorite quotes from the leader is always, bear in mind that people are not fighting for ideas but things in anyone's head. They are fighting for material benefits to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children. Happy Cape Verdean Independence Day. Thank. Thank you, counsel. We're all that she recognizes. Counselor Murphy. Counsel Murphy. You have the floor. Thank you. COUNSEL President. I won't say this as eloquently as the sponsor, but I am standing to say I'd like to thank you, Counselor Fernandez Anderson, for shedding light on the history of the Cabo Verde nation and the Cabo Verde community right here in our city. As you said, Boston is one of the leading destinations of Cabo Verde and to migrate to the United States. And as a result, they actively contribute to the economy, culture and civic life of their new home here in Boston, especially in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan. And I proudly live in Dorchester with many neighbors. So therefore, I would like to acknowledge the 40,000 Cabo Verde Inns in Boston, as well as my counselor colleague here today. And I do have to also say our wonderful Shantel here on the working closely with us by supporting the naming of July 5th as Boston Cabo Verde, an eight day a day celebration for this deserving community. So thank. You. Thank. Thank you, counselor, for the chair. Recognize this? Counsel. Clarity. Counsel. Clarity. You have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. Please add my name. I rise to support my colleague in the. And obviously Shontell And we work very closely with and Paolo, who does great work on behalf of the Cape Verde community and the entire Cape Verde community. Thank you for your great contributions to our city. It's a very great and thriving an

d contributing community for Boston. And I often say this One of the greatest strengths of our city is its diversity and the Cape Verde community lends a big fan to that. So please add my name and look forward to having this adopted. Thank you, counsel. Clarity. The Chair recognizes counsel. Illusion Conclusion View of the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to thank Sean Taylor and. Nobody gather. But I would, of course, like to thank my counselor, colleague and friend counselor attorney Fernanda Anderson for introducing this resolution. I rise, as everyone has said, in great support of the Cape Verdean community. In high school, I was actually the vice president of the Cape Breton Club. I'm Haitian, not Cape Verdean, but the Cape Verdean Club was the gathering ground for all the black students in our school at the time. And so I have always felt welcomed by the Cape Verdean community as black immigrants, similar to me as black immigrant, my parents who are black immigrants. So I thank you for being so welcoming, open together. That's all I've really learned in all my years. Even when in Senegal and when I lived in Senegal, I lived at the Cape Verdean families. So I feel family, even like family, even though I can't speak the language. And I just, you know, I didn't understand anything, basically, that casual Ghanaian denizen said. But there is some similarities. I heard to say the struggle continues. And, you know, so many of your parents or grandparents know the story about living through colonialism because Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Angola, all of these countries under Portugal, under Portugal's thumb, only realized independence recently. And so the stories about the struggle continuing are really real. Know that you have a partner in me as an at large city councilor alongside counselor Fernanda Anderson, but also to work with all of you to continue in that struggle. So thank you and happy Independence Day. Thank you, counsel. Who's on the chair recognizes. Counsel me here. Counsel me here. You have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. Good bye. I just really wanted to just thank the chair. Well, the sponsor of this. You will forever be the chair of everything for me, for your leadership, and warms my heart to know that we have somebody of Cape Verdean descent here representing on the city council. The first. Okay, so you need to recognize. And and we know that the first will not be the last. So I hope to see one of y'all stepping into that role soon as well. Just really quick. What I'll just I used to work at Tom McCann's shoe store. I talk a lot about that. It

feels corner. And everybody used to think I was Cape Verdean. And I used to say, can you say that for right now? For some reason, everybody said I was in for once, okay, I will follow. And the only and one of the things that I learned how to say is boogie kapamilya. Right? And that was because I used to sell shoes, but I had to sell you the socks because that's how

I made my commission. But but it was I wanted to just really talk about the fact that when we come to this country, as a immigrant myself, who came to this country, who had to learn how to speak English, I know how difficult it is for our parents and those who have come here to fight and to earn a living and to and to try to do better so that their children can have a better life. So I think about all of the Cape Verdeans, the older ones that have come to this country, who have been humiliated, disregarded, disrespected, but continue to show up. And so it is that struggle and the fight that you have done right that make your children and their children go further than any of us could ever imagine. So, Felicia, I'm going to try to say that in Cape Verde, but I know that you you're my son. Great. And you are my staggering end to end graduation. Would anyone else like to speak on this matter or add your name? The chair recognizes Counsel Fernandez innocent. Mr. President, I know. I got excited. I did not ask for a suspension and pass this resolution. Please. Okay. Thank you, Counsel Fernandez. Would anyone like to add their name, please? Raise your hand, Mr. Clerk, please add counsel of Royal Counsel, Counselor Brady and Counsel of Counsel Slattery. Counsel of Solution Counsel May Counsel Murphy. Please add the Chief Counsel. Counselor Fernandez Anderson. We're all Baker. Six Suspension of the rules in adoption of 0816. All those in favor say aye. Aye, aye. Opposing nay. The ayes have it. The resolution has been adopted. We're going to also take another one out of order, which would be 0819. And then after we do after we do this resolution, we'll stop for a minute for group photos. Okay. So, Mr. Clark, please read docket 0819.. Thank you. Counsel Braden six suspension of the rules. Positive Docket 0803. All those in favor say I hope our policy nay the ayes have it. Docket 0803 has passed reports of public officers in others. Mr. Clerk, please read Docket 0804.0804. Communication was received from City Council President Ed Flynn calling for the election of city clerk for the City of Boston on June 29th. 2022. Thank you. This docket will be placed on file. This docket is related to the election of the city clerk. As you know, the city council would need to elect a new clerk as clerk. Feeney retired earlier this year, having posted an open position for city clerk. For the city of Boston, the city council received 19 total applications, of which two applications were interviewed by the Rules Committee and qualifications for the City Clerk position included experience working in municipal or government or county government. Experience directing an agency and a working knowledge of the Boston City Charter. Massachusetts. Massachusetts. Public Records and Open Meeting Law in Robert's Rules of Order. Given his experience not only with all of the requirements of the job hosting, but specifically in the role of city clerk for the city of Boston. And his stro

ng record and long longstanding public service. I am recommending Alex Jarvis for the position of City Clerk for a term ending February 3rd, 2025. I would like to now move to elect a city clerk. Is there a second? Pursuant to Section 17 C of the City Charter, I will now ask the clerk to call the roll so that each city council can say the name of the person that they chose. Mr. Clarke, please call the role. It's going to be weird, right? Counselor Arroyo. Alex Investment. Counsel Arroyo. Alex George's. Counsel to Baker. Alex Jenkins. Alex Counsel A Baker. Counsel a joint account. Alex George's. Counsel The Book. Alex Counselor book. Alex Journalist. Counselor. Braden Consulate. Braden Alex Jones as counselor. Carletta Counselor Carlota. Alex as counselor Fernanda Sanderson. Alex and Counselor Fernanda Santos. And Alex Durant as counsel of Clarity. Alex Strategies. Counsel of Clarity. Alex Challenges. Counsel of Flynn. Alex Generous Counsel of Flynn. Alex Jones as Counsel Counsel. Alex Tremont. As Counsel. Illusion. Counsel. Illusion. Alex challenges counsel. Let me hear. Counsel. Let me hear. Counsel. Counsel. Let me hear. Alex charges. Counselor Murphy. Vote for ouster. Counselor Murphy. Alex. Judges and. Counselor Whirl. Hearing in about 3010. I get a right to. Counsel around Alex Junta's unanimous vote for Alex. Yes. Alex Juntos, having received 13 votes, is the new city clerk. His wife. Congratulations, Alex. And I just want to acknowledge the quirks. Wife Nancy is here with us. Thank you, Nancy. I'm happy that Nancy is here today, because today is her birthday as well. Thank you, everyone, for your support. Thank you, Mr. Clarke. Now back to. Work. Mr. Clark, please read docket 080520813. And in the Emergency Solution Grant, 2 million submits a report recommending that this matter ought to pass. And number 0708, the Committee on Housing and Community Development, to

which was referred on June eight, 2020 to docket number 0708 message in order authorizing the city of Boston, acting through the Mayor's Office of Housing to apply for, accept and expend the amount of \$21,597,797 provided under the Home Investment Partnerships Program. American Rescue Plan Home ERP Act of 2021 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the home ARP funds is to provide housing to individuals, to households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations in the city of Boston. Submits a report recommending this matter ought to pass. Thank you. The chair recognizes Council of our Chair of the Committee in Housing Community Development Council. You have the floor. Thank you. President Flynn. I first want to thank Councilor Louie John for chairing this committee hearing on short notice so that I could take time off to be with my family after a death. These matters are sponsored by the mayor and were referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development Docket 0536 and Docket 0537. On April 27,

2022 and Docket 0708. On June eight, 2022, the Committee on Housing and Community Development held a public hearing on June 17th, 2022 to take testimony and consider the same. The hearing was chaired by Councilor RUSI Region, the Vice Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. At my request. The councilors that were present were the Vice Chair and Council President, Ed Flynn. We received letters of support in attendance that were read into the record. From the committee chair myself and also from Councilor Erin Murphy. We had we were joined by the administration, Tim Davis, deputy director of policy development and Research, the Mayor's Office of Housing. Rick Wilson, Director of Administration and Finance. Daniel Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of Housing Stability. Christine O'Keefe, Acting Assistant Director for Development and Finance. And Richard O'Brien, associate director for the Boston Home Center. They all attended the hearing, made a presentation regarding the grants, and responded to questions from all of the councilors. These presentation by the administration officials included background and funding. The funds will be used for the history, eligible recipients and activities. The process of distribution and the uses of the funds and the various other particulars for each of the grants. Based on the testimony and the information presented at the hearing and having considered the same, I respectfully, respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass. Thank you. Thank you, counsel. Laura. We will now take a vote on each of these dockets separately. I'm sorry. I fail to recognize. To call on counsel and constitution. You have the floor. Thank you. Council President. One thing that I just wanted to highlight from the hearing, something that the administration brought out regarding docket number 0537. Because I know that this is something that a lot of folks particularly brought in. I know it's an issue that we'll talk about. Continue to talk about. But a lot of the support that the city has received from HUD over the past years have really flatlined, especially in in when we think about inflation. And so there is a potential challenge to the census which undercounted a lot of our populations. And we have but I transient populations are immigrants and that challenge could result in us getting more resources into these HUD block grants that we receive. So just something for the Council to explore because I know that something that others have elevated and that's something I've expressed concern about too, and how it affects how much money, how much we receive in these important block grants that not only help with housing, but also economic development and small business development as well. So thank you. Thank you, counsel. And the chair recognizes council clarity. Okay. We will now take a vote on each of these dockets. Separately, Council are the chair of the Committee on Housing Community Development seeks accep

tance of the Committee report and passage of Docket 0536. All those in favor say aye, all opposing. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Council are the chair of the Committee on Housing Community Development seeks acceptance of the committee report passage of docket 0537. All those in favor say aye. Aye. All five say nay. The docket has passed. Council are the chair of the Committee on Housing Community Development six Acceptance of the Committee Report Passage of Docket 0708 All those in favor say I am opposed. Say Nay. The ayes have it. The docket has passed. Mr. Clarke, please. Redacted 0625062606270628 Together police. Talking number 0625 The Committee on City Services Innovation Technology, to which was referred on May 18th, 2020 to docket number 0625 message in order for your approval, in order to reduce the fiscal year 22 appropriation for the reserve for collective bargaining by \$123,291 to provide funding for various departments for the fiscal year. be administered by the police department, the grant will fund two full

time domestic violence advocates who will work with social service agency partners at the Boston Public Health Commission. Family Justice Center submits a report recommending that the order to pass and docket number 0375 the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, to which was referred on March 16, 2022. Docket number 0375 message in order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expand the amount of \$555,166.40 in the form of a grant for the federal fiscal year. 20 Assistance to firefighters grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the fire department. The grant will fund safety, training and fitness equipment to support officer health and wellness submits a report recommending the order to pass. Thank you. The Chair recognizes Counsel of Clarity, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Council Flannery over the fall. Thank you, Mr. President. The committee held a hearing on July 26th on the aforementioned public safety dockets that were just read into the record by clerk justice to be administered by the Boston Police Department in the Boston Fire Department. And it was sponsored by Mayor Wu. The dockets 0274 and 0349 will be administered through the police department with the support of valued and trusted community partners. The Shannon Grant will fund regional and multiple multidisciplinary approaches to combat gun violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement and reintegrated programs. The community partners for this grant are selected through a competitive RFP process and they include the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Center for Youth and Families, BMC and VAP, among others. There has been an increase in investment to \$350 per young person Docket 0349. That grant will fund, as mentioned, two full time domestic violence advocates who work with social service agency partners at the Boston Public Health Com

mission and the Family Justice Center. And it was explained during the hearing that these advocates will reach out to victims of domestic violence and provide services, including assistance with obtaining restraining orders. BPD explained that the advocates will be located in District B two and B three and will be providing assistance in District C-11. With respect to the docket 0348 and 0375, those grants will be administered by the Boston Fire Department. Target 0348 will fund decontamination equipment, vehicle and maintenance expense for the hazard response team over at the Boston Fire Department and docket 0375. That grant will fund safety, training and fitness equipment to support the Officer Health and Wellness Program, which was also referred to the committee back on March 16, 2022. As a result of the public testimony hearing as Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, I recommend the following docket starting 0274.4034820349 and docket 0375 pass. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Counsel, for clarity. We will take a vote on the counsel 36 acceptance of the committee report and passage of docket 0274. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. Talk of 0274 as passed counsel clarity six acceptance of the Committee report and passage of docket 0348. All those in favor say I opposed say no docket 0348 has passed counsel clarity six acceptance of the Committee Report and passage of docket 0349 All those in favor say I am opposed, say nay talk in 0349 has passed counsel clarity six acceptance of the Committee report and passage of docket 0375 All those in favor say I. Our policy document 0375 has passed. Mr. Clerk, please read. Effective July 25, 2022. Lucky Number 094. A notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter six of the ordinances of 1979 regarding action taken by the Mayor, a point taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of June 29th, 2022, in docket number 0949. Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter six of the ordinances of 1979 relative to action taken by the Mayor and papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of July 13th, 2022. Thank you. Dockets. Docket 0940. To. She recognizes counsel theory just with respect to dark as 0944. I'm of the opinion I believe that the Boston Employment Commission I believe it requires you to be a resident of the city of Boston to serve on the Boston Employment Commission. So at the very least, we could just maybe put that aside until we get confirmation, given that the appointee is from Quincy. Thank you, Mr. President. Anyone else have any further comments on this issue? I was so excited. That she recognized this council. Fernandez Anderson. Council. Fernandez Anderson. You have the full. Council clarity you're referring to Darren. How correct. He's a constituent in my district and lives in my district. I doorknocked his home at least three times. I can confirm that he lives there

, but if we need further documentation, I guess. Through the chair to my colleagues, so is when he is at Quincy Street. Oh. That's it's its listing address of Quincy, Massachusetts, which also

technically could be the address of the union that he works at. So again, I just perfect it very good. So if through the administration they can just clarify and resubmit with his correct address as opposed to his business address, given that he's going serving on the bison. And I know Darrell Darrell actually served here as a member of the council, very thoughtful, fine, hardworking gentleman. But with respect to the Boston employment question, I believe you have to be a resident of the city of Boston. He clearly is a resident city boss. It looks like it might be a typo here or they might just need to put his soul. May understand. Thank you. Thank you. Council clarity for bringing that to our attention. Um, Mr. Clarke, can we, um, hold that docket on, put it on file until we get some further clarification? They all go through one file. We'll just get a. Okay. Thank you, Doctor. 094020949 will be placed on file, and we will review that with an updated letter from the mayor's office as well. Mr. Clark, please read Dr.. 095009502 Constable Bonds for Carla Arias. Dominique Chester, Inez, Chester, John Console, Tamika Dash and Mark Weissberg has been duly approved by the collector treasurer where received and approved. Duncan number 0963 Council a block off of the following order for a hearing regarding enhancing Boston's COVID recovery via grants provided by the bipartisan infrastructure law. Thank you, Counselor Arroyo. The the chair recognizes counsel. Board counsel. You have the floor. Thank you so much, Mr. President. And may I also add Counselor Bryan Morales, an original co-sponsor of this. Counsel, were also ordered. So our. Great. Wonderful. So the bipartisan infrastructure law folks have heard about it. It provides an immense amount of funding for infrastructure across the country, but a lot of it is determined by competitive grants. And so it's really important that the city of Boston be an applicant and a strong and competitive applicant for as many of grant those grants as possible in order to get millions and millions of dollars directed towards high priority things in the city across a lot of different categories of infrastructure. Potential areas include road, rail and transit, port infrastructure, busses and bus facilities, vision zero, plan implementation, pedestrian safety, charging and fueling. Infrastructure low and zero emission school busses. We like reconnecting communities that are divided by highways, flood mitigation assistance, brownfields, remediation, energy efficiency and conservation energy specifically, and schools energy resilience code adoption which relates to Berto and the stretch code out of the state. Cybersecurity Smart Grid supports waste and groundwater storage. So just like a huge carrot set of categories of things an

d there's kind of a dizzying array of notices of funding availability that are coming out of the federal government on a kind of complicated time schedule. And a bunch of these opportunities have to be applied for by our state like various departments, and the city might be partnering with them, or some are what the person who's eligible is actually the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, but a bunch of the grants, the relevant applicant is the city of Boston. And so this notice is really just to, um, to stress the fact that we want to make sure that we, the city are applying for every one of these that we can and that the Council should be informed about what those applications are, the ones that we've made, the ones that we plan to make. And if we're not applying for any of these opportunities, I really want to make sure that we all understand is it because we really don't qualify? We have good reason to think we wouldn't be competitive. You know, there's huge opportunity here for us to really advanced our Complete Streets initiative. Recharge Boston, our Vision Zero Action Plan. The Imagined Boston 2030 plan. Go Boston 2030. There's just a lot of things that we have been dreaming of for some time, and I would say we're probably one of the better positioned municipalities in the country in terms of the amount of that kind of planning that we've done, but we're not planning to actually turn into implementation. And so I'm super grateful to Christopher Robin Milliken, who is one of our fellows this summer, who did a in-depth dove for my office on all of these application opportunities. And we also talked to the administration. And so there's some reference in the in the hearing order to some of the applications that they have already put in, including this 9.3 million one for the clean school bus program that they put in in July, and an \$100 million one for national infrastructure project assistance. But there's, for instance, the safe streets and roads for all. Grant is coming up in September and then a whole bunch more that have that have no fees that are due to come out in the third quarter of 2022. So it's such a robust are doing a great job for us, chasing down all of the potential opportunities. And we feel like it's very important for the residents of Boston to know that we're on top of this and for the council to have a voice in it and for us to start getting ready for opportunities where we might get significant federal funding. So it feels to me like a very important part of our recovery, Mr. President, and thrilled to be co-sponsoring this with the council overall today. Thank you. Thank you. Counsel. Walk the chair

recognizes council. We're all council world. You have the floor. Thank you, President Flynn. And thank you to Councilor Black for leading on this. The bipartisan infrastructure law is an opportunity to provide real investments in climate change, reduce and prevent pollution, create lasting environmental change, improve the

air quality and quality of life in our city through improving infrastructure. Vision zero Boston Action Plan and imagine Boston 2030 to directly address community interests around traffic, calming measures, improvement, transit and walkability, and reconnect to communities. It is a grant that can advance our city initiative, provide solutions to community concerns. An opportunity like this has a potential to have major impact on our neighborhoods and, by extension, residents. Neighborhoods like Dorchester, Mattapan and Rock. Roxbury has suffered because of lack of infrastructure in the past, with Dorchester, Dorchester having some of the highest temperatures to date. As a result, how are we centering environmental justice, communities and concerns in this conversation? How are we prioritizing those most impacted by a lack of infrastructure investment? And how are we ensuring that input makes implementation of these grants are distributed equitably? I'm excited to engage with questions like these and ensure that communities that have been overlooked can be heard and represented. I'm looking forward to collaborating with the council, our state and congressional colleagues and all involved departments and engaging our community in this process. Thank you. Thank you, counsel. Overall, the chair recognizes counsel to counsel. Carter, you have the full. The President. Flynn And just to indulge me for just for a quick moment, I forgot to recognize the North Shore Community College public speaking course led by old left Sherry Rafferty. She's a Boston resident. I was going to tell her to provide a grade for me in my public speaking, so hopefully she will watch this in the future and I want to thank them for being here. But I just wanted to thank the baker for this and to please add my name in always for your due diligence. Ensuring the city of Boston is doing what it needs to do to get the most out of these funds to transform and protect the public realm. We find ourselves yet again with a once in a generation transformative opportunity. And I found myself in conversation with many advocates discussing our waterfront. No are no shock and no surprise in saying out loud that I expect the city of Boston to be competitive when going after this money because we desperately need it. There is a special earmark in this federal package that will make our infrastructure resilient against the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events. This legislation is the largest investment in resilience of physical and natural systems in American history, in American history. And so Councilor Bach eloquently stated in in her order that due to the short term and competitive manner of these opportunities, we must act with urgency. I echo that and just to summarize my own take on this, I encourage all of us to do what we can to go get this money because we need it. So I look forward to hearing from the administration and better understanding what grants they w

ill apply for and how it will promote our city's goals for a more green and resilient future ahead. Thank you. Thank you, Counsel. Clara, the chair recognizes counsel Brett and counsel Brett. And you have the floor. Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you to the makers for bringing this very important issue to light. I think it's critically important that we use and use every all of our resources to try and maximize the benefits of these these infrastructure grants. As councilor collectors already mentioned, this is a once in a generational opportunity. And, you know, in our conversations with some departments over the past few years, one issue that came up was just the the support and infrastructure within our within our administration, within government relations, etc., to really execute a timely application for these grants. So it's really important that we ensure that the departments have the support necessary to be successful in these competitive applications. And I hope that we can have a robust conversation and support all of our departments to every in every way so that they can take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you. Thank you. Counsel Right in the chair, from the chair to council. Just a quick question. Is there a central location where we find out about competitive grants or or what is the process of cities and states finding out about competitive competitive grants that they must apply for? Yeah. So I think that's part of the challenge here is that the different grant opportunities were sort of assigned to the different executive offices in D.C. and then those are responsible for putting out these no photos. So in the notices of funding availability. And so I think basically what's happened is like, you know, our Transportation Department is sort of tracking the ones from the Department of Transportation federally and, you know, and like and then once they're from the EPA, our environment department would be tracking.

But, um, but that's part of the reason to really make sure that the city is both keeping a unified list and that it's kind of like that there's wide availability and knowledge, but that is for the council. So I know that I think that the and folks have been trying to keep such a list, but I think it's something that should be shared with the council. And, you know, and like I mentioned to Christopher Robin in my office has done a great job of digging out all the deadlines and what hasn't been issued yet. But there is a slightly crazy aspect to this where you sometimes just have to like wait for the no votes to drop and then suddenly they will have all these detailed regulations and also a deadline that's like not very far away. So to councilor grade in this point, it becomes very important for the departments to be nimble and ready and able to throw some personnel time into getting those applications in. And it really can be the difference. You know, I mean, we when you think about how big I mentioned the school b

us one, it's 9.3. The I think the we put in an April for a raise one for Roxbury that would be 25 million if we got that one of these the mega ones, 100. I mean, these. Are. These are things where it makes sense for us to be like ready to go on a dime. But it is a little bit of a crazy decentralized process federally. Thank you, counselor. Walk with anyone else, so to speak, on this matter. But anyone like to add their name? Please raise your hand. Mr. Clarke, please add Councilor Baker, please add Councilor. Royal Councilor Braden Council Aquatic Council Fernandez Innocent Council. Florida Council. Borough Council. Asian Council of Murphy. Please add the chair. Dawkins 0963 will be referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID 19 recovery. Mr. Clerk, please read Docket 0964.