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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: University by 22 phenomenal young trailblazing women who saw no limits to their vision of sisterhood scholarship and service.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: The women's suffrage March was their first public act for social justice and for the past 108 years delta Sigma theta sorority incorporated has made an indelible mark.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: In areas of educational development, economic development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and, last but certainly not least, political awareness.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: All over the globe we've made an impact and so tonight we do hope that you enjoy this fireside chat and without further ado i'd like to.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: pass this along to Carol Copeland Thomas but before I do I want to just mention.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: That we want this to be as interactive as possible, keeping in mind that you may use the chat box to ask questions if you'd like or offer comments.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: We will do our best to incorporate those as as much as possible, again on behalf of the Boston alumni chapter of delta Sigma theta sorority incorporated We thank you for being here this evening and we hope that you enjoy.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: enjoy tonight, thank you for being here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you so much, Dr Ingrid Tucker our chapter President for the Boston alumni chapter of delta Sigma theta sorority i'm actually now going to turn this over to my co chair, who I love working with with social action I Yana polk ayana take it away.

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Ayanna Polk: Good evening everyone Thank you so much for coming out and being a part of this discussion pull up your chair we're all going to come to this table.

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Ayanna Polk: So I am here in my capacity as the co chair for Boston alumni Social Action Committee, as well as the co coordinator.

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Ayanna Polk: For social action for our tri state, so I am bringing welcome and greetings on behalf of the Massachusetts Rhode island in new Hampshire chapters.

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Ayanna Polk: I wanted to come here before we had this discussion, just to frame the DNA of delta Sigma theta, which is our social action.

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Ayanna Polk: When we when we talk about the first act of our sorority being a part of that March we understood that we have to stand up and that change is something that has to continue on from generation to generation.

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Ayanna Polk: So i'm happy that we're here today.

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Ayanna Polk: to frame and Just to give you some understanding when we think about delta and what social action means to us, we carry a legacy of many women that have come before us.

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Ayanna Polk: Such as Fannie Lou hamer Berisha bass and even though the woman, that we are naming this event after shirley chisholm the first woman.

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Ayanna Polk: To run for President and, as we see now her efforts have created pathways for many to lead and run in spaces and places across this country, and even here in the city of Boston.

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Ayanna Polk: When we think about social action I think about how locally delta's lead, such as the Suffolk county da.

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Ayanna Polk: Rachel rollins we have our randolph town councillor Katrina have alarming and even our state REP in our host tonight state REP Liz Miranda.

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Ayanna Polk: So when we think about social action and what it means to delta we constantly are on the front lines advocating for GEO TV efforts to make sure that we are actively working against voter suppression.

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Ayanna Polk: We want gender equality, we want to end racial profiling, we want to make sure that our hbc us are are productive and strong and that all of us have an equal access to the things that we deserve so.

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Ayanna Polk: You know we're going to get a lot out of this discussion because we're going to have we have two phenomenal women come in before us that represent us from City Hall, to the State House so i'm going to pass it off to Linda Montero to give introduction to our host Linda take it away.

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Linda Monteiro: Good evening, it is my pleasure to introduce my state representative for the fifth Suffolk district.

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Linda Monteiro: Who is a fellow cavalry indiana like myself who represents.

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Linda Monteiro: dorchester and roxbury neighborhoods of Boston she was elected office in 2018.

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Linda Monteiro: She won by overwhelming support.

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Linda Monteiro: In the in the general election, she faced a republican.

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Linda Monteiro: ALTHEA garrison and from that seat as she won she won the election with 88.7% to garrison's level percent.

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Linda Monteiro: In random was recently sworn into office on January 2 2019.

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Linda Monteiro: it's without further ado.

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Linda Monteiro: i'd like to introduce a.

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Linda Monteiro: State representative Liz Miranda.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Thank you, Linda sore Montero sore President angry Tucker Dr Ingrid Tucker sore ayana polk and sore cow Copeland Thomas my name is Liz Miranda and in one week on march 3 I actually will celebrate 20 years as a Member of delta Sigma theta sorority incorporated.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: In the spring of 2001 I shared into this organization as a junior at wellesley college and it's been one of the best decisions.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: That i've made in my life, it taught me a lot about grit resiliency the history of black women and just made sure that I.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: was committed to helping communities become strong and healthy and safe and i'm so proud to serve you Linda.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: As someone who has been my lifelong mentor and I am your state representative and I just got reelected so i'm super excited we're in bill filing session so, although I look a little bit.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: presented, and I have been very sleepy for the last few days and tonight is really the honor is all mine.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: We have City Council President, the only second black woman in the history of Boston you have a city that was one of the first cities.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Founded here in the new world with the second black woman coming after.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: City Council President Andrea Campbell and in a few short weeks or days, we were not sure will be the first black woman to serve and black person.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: to serve as acting Mayor of the city of Boston and I just want to say because i've been in office and 2426 months, how much I am so excited to bring to you.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: City Council President Kim janie a fellow daughter roxbury to the table, I just want to share with you all, how tonight is going to work.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: we're going to talk about things sort of not related to our job, but related to my job because we're so much more than our titles and we're looking forward to spending 20 minutes with City Council President.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: janie and just asking her some questions that help lead.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: folks to getting a seat at the table or creating our own table or being aspire to serve, so thank you all for tonight i'm super excited to be here and without further ado sore cow Copeland Thomas you give me the thumbs up when we're ready to rock.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: President.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There we go alrighty Thank you so much what i'm going to do is i'm going to just do a formal introduction.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Of Boston City Council President Kim janie and then i'm going to turn it over to use or Liz Miranda how's that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome great Thank you so so much Kim janie let me do that alright awesome.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: city councilor Kim Jamie has been a tireless advocate for the voice of Boston children for more than 20 years.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i've had the good pleasure of knowing her for probably a lot longer than 20 years but she did serve as the senior director of the Massachusetts advocate for children.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: where she led efforts to advocate for

systematic policy reforms that would ensure equity and excellence in the education for students in the Boston public school.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: her efforts in terms of leadership are just renowned she is from a well known family here in the Boston area her father, the late Dr cliff janie was a great educator well respected in this town her aren't Reverend.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Laura Tina Tina janie burrell is also a member of my church and there are countless members of the janie family who have left their legacy and continue to.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: have higher aspirations for leadership in terms of how they're contributing to our Community.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Jay Kim janie is a member of the Massachusetts women's political Caucus and the Boston war 12 democratic Committee and in.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: November of 2016 she was elected to the Boston naacp Executive Committee, and she has served on mass votes board of directors, for more than 10 years Kim has been recognized for her service.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: has received numerous awards, including the naacp difference maker award in 2015 and the coveted sapphire award in 2017 I believe she's the mother of a beautiful daughter Is that correct yes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: and has just persevered tirelessly for many, many years we have friends here, and with this particular fireside chat from North Carolina all over the country, we thank each and every one of you for coming.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Regardless of your organization that you belong to, we, I know that we have many deltas who are here, we have other Greek organizations that are represented, so you are in for a treat without further ado i'd like to bring to the table now the Boston City Council President Kim Janie.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Thank you.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Thank you, can you.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Can you guys hear me.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Yes, wonderful, so thank you so much carolyn Thank you REP Miranda, it is a pleasure and absolute delight to be with you and to experience this sisterhood i'm just grateful for the opportunity, as was already stated my name is Kim Janie I am a proud daughter of roxbury I.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: am the President and currently the president of the Boston city council, the most diversity Council in boston's history Yes indeed, I take great pride and pleasure in that.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: This Council has been at the forefront of so many important issues and i'm just grateful to be able to serve with amazing colleagues, and it is just a delight to be here.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know long story short, in terms of family background I grew up in roxbury.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: With very strong ties in the south and my family has been in roxbury now for six generations spanning almost 100 years I am the proud mother of a bps graduate, I have three grandchildren from my daughter and three additional bonus



grandchildren through her partner.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Who all attend school here in Boston and you know my family has been at the forefront of many issues, I was born into.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: A family of educators, artists, entrepreneurs and activists I grew up in the 1970s and 80s, and so I saw a lot of activism.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In the streets of Boston my parents came of age, during the civil rights movement of the 1960s, I was born into that movement.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: my very first experience outside of my parents home in terms of formal education.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: was at new school for children, it is one of the the mini Community schools that was created in the black community by the black Community for the black Community when Boston public schools was not educating our children adequately.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And so the response from from many in our Community was to start our own schools and my family helped.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: With new school for children in terms of starting that school and was very active in terms of the serving on the board and working at the school.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: and certain me and all of my cousins attended that school I did that for first and second first grade and kindergarten or second grade I entered Boston public schools and at that time.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Boston public schools wanted to hold me back A grade and make me repeat the first grade because they thought I would not, I was not getting a good education at the Community school.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And so, when I was seven years old, I saw my parents fight for me, I saw them speak up use their voice and demand that I be put in the appropriate grade, which was second grade, and that was an important lesson.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: of parent voice of parent advocacy and the importance of parent involvement in you know children's education and I took those lessons with me throughout my career.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In Boston public schools and elementary school I attended, schools and roxbury did very well was a straight A student I love school I loved my teachers and I felt like they loved me to.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: buy sixth grade, however.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I was bust through court ordered desegregation to the garrity order, this was the second phase of blessing, I was 11 years old.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I was blessed to charlestown and experienced some of the worst that the city has to offer, I saw some of our darkest days.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: and experienced racism firsthand through our schools and for the first time felt like my teachers did not care about me but, again, my parents continue to

fight for me.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And they were able to secure a seat for me in Mexico, and so I attended reading public schools from eighth grade to 12th grade.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: But when I was in 11th grade I got pregnant and I had my daughter and 11th grade and it became increasingly difficult to to manage being a student and a parent, but I persevered.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And you know my goal at this time was to take care of my daughter and provide a good life for her so I knew the first step in that was to graduate.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: from high school and to graduate on time with my peers, and so I was able to do that, fortunately, and then after that I went straight to work because I had to care for my my my daughter, and I went to work for a few years before going to school again.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Before starting a career and and organizing and activist activism officially and that happened, while I was in school, when I attended a Community college I got connected.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: To the children's Defense fund through one of my professors, and I was recruited to participate in a program that they were doing.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Marian Wright edelman and her wisdom saw that black children were facing the worst crisis since slavery and so she started the black Community crusade for children.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: and brought together many of the icons that we we hold dear in our hearts in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and she was active in that movement herself, as a young person that's Nick.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And those that black Community crusade for children they understood the importance of involving young people.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And they started the black student leadership network, and I was one of 25 college students selected to participate in a training program at Shaw university called the ella baker child policy training institute.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And that is where I began my formal training and Community organizing and direct action organizing and.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know movement history child advocacy and the charge for us was to go out and start freedom schools modeled after the freedom schools of the 1960s.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: organized around federally funded feeding sites, because we knew when children are hungry.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In the school year they continue to be hungry in the summertime and we understood the importance and the connection between nutrition and learning, and so we organize freedom schools.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: did that in the 1990s before becoming a Community organizer for a nonprofit organization called parents united for childcare.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In Massachusetts which sought to create more opportunities for affordable, quality childcare.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Understanding the importance of women in the workforce and needing a safe place for for their children, but also understanding the importance of getting a solid foundation.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In terms of education, I did that, for I don't know five or six years before I left there to go work at Massachusetts advocates for children.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Which is another nonprofit so I most of my career has been in the nonprofit space.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: At at MAC did a lot of education policy work, education advocacy working with parents.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Working with students, working with teachers, working with administrators and community leaders.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: To help create an informed constituency advocating and pushing for change and holding the school system accountable for educating our children with a particular focus on the elimination of opportunity and achievement gaps, I did that, until I.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: ran for office I ran for office in 2017.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: This was something that people had been pushing me to do, and I know you can relate to this list for years people had been pushing me to to run for office and

finally in 2017.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I decided it was time and I decided it was time because our Community was at a crossroads, we still are, in many ways.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: There were so many folks in my Community being left out of the opportunity.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We see all of this opportunity in our great city of Boston but so many folks who look like me were being left out of that opportunity and literally pushed out of their community, and so I ran.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: For city council to represent district seven, and that includes the neighborhoods of roxbury South in dorchester and fenway.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: i'm grateful for the work and the partnership that i've been able to do on the Council working with colleagues and state government working with leaders in our Community.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And so it's been an amazing a few years in my first term on the City Council I successfully passed major legislation.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Which is a game changer here in Boston and really a model for the nation around how we regulate the cannabis industry, and do so in a way that puts equity at the forefront of the conversation understanding that for decades black and brown people were criminalized and locked up.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: For low level drug offenses and that so many people have built their careers and their wealth on

the pain of black and brown people's experiences in this country.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We see mass incarceration still so many folks who are locked up and and being penalized, and so this was a way to to ensure that this industry, which is now legal in Massachusetts was done so in an equitable way in terms of opportunity.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I ran for reelection and, unfortunately, one right after that and then two weeks after that secured the votes to become Council President, in my second second term.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: So i've been Council President, since the beginning of 2020 and what a year that was and continues to be in terms of.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: The pain and the hurt that we still see, but what I like to kind of grab hold of is the way that community has come together to respond to the twin pandemics around you know structural racism and white supremacy.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Not just here in our city or in our Commonwealth certainly our country and throughout the globe, quite frankly.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: As well as a coven which has been devastating to poor communities of color and we know that is true, because of pre existing inequities.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: that are the result of structural racism for 400 years, and so you know, there was.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In many ways, I don't know if REP Miranda has already shared this a lot of work together, working

with other elected officials.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In the state legislature, working with da rollins and others at the county level working with federal partners and beloved sister and service congresswoman ayana Presley.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: To really respond to these twin pandemics, we continue to meet and to work together collaboratively to make sure that we are not only flexing our power as electives of color.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: But that we are responding to the needs of our constituents in our Community.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: This this year so 2021 has also been.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: an eventful year at the beginning of this year.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: news broke that President at that time, President elect Biden was tapping on mayor Walsh as his Secretary of Labor and that news broke on January 7.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And since that time have been working with the Walsh administration and working with my own team on the transition for when I assume the office of mayor.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And I say mayor, because there is no acting about this, I will be doing the job and i'm very clear about what that is and the importance.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: of making sure that we approach this work together with our eyes focused on racial justice and racial equity.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: That we make sure it is more than just lip service or the buzzwords of the day, I know a lot of people like to throw around the word equity.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: But we have to get beyond diversity for diversity sake and really talk about position privilege and power.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In our city and our Commonwealth and in our country, and I am grateful that I get to do that work.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Not only with other electives of color or elected officials period, who care about these issues, but in partnership with folks in our Community, and certainly.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: With organizations like the the deltas I am a huge fan, I came prepared for this conversation I should mention that my father was a queue.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And so I take great pride in that and have a special heart, a special place in my heart for the deltas i'm.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: i'm you know, thinking of their first or your first public Act, which was around women's ability to vote the suffrage movement and thinking of Stacey abrams who was also a delta, in which she did, for us, not just in Georgia, but for the entire country, ensuring that.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know, we are flexing our muscle and that our voices will be heard through our votes.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And pretty much you know that we have a senate that we can count on now, and so the deltas have been a very important part of our history in this nation in terms of activism and i'm just thankful for the opportunity to be with you this evening.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: So I will pause there because.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I feel there are some great.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: questions that will will get into and I apologize if I have to leave a shortly before the eight o'clock hour will be here, as long as I can i'm really excited and grateful for the opportunity to be with you this evening.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Thank you so much City Council President.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: janie and thank you for the reminder that when black women step into power that we're not acting.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: That we're really in our roles and we're looking forward to you, ushering a new chapter, as the first black woman to be in this position.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Leading Boston and 2021 and beyond at five quick questions, and I want to thank you for your powerful testimony i've only.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: been in office 26 months but i've been a black woman from roxbury all my life, and I can share, along with you as the daughter of a single mom as a friend to your daughter cammisa.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: That you know that we as black women are literally ushering not only our cities and our towns, but our Commonwealth.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And our country we are doing the work and always have done so, when delta Sigma theta.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: In 1913 helped white women gain the right to vote, it would be 45 years later, before we got the right to vote, but we knew it was important to get gender.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: and racial equality, and so we stepped up to the plate we marched along our wide sisters in DC.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And we waited our turn and now, not so much we're not waiting our turn we're taking our rightful place, so I have five.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: quick questions I know you're on a tight schedule, I am in bill filing mode with the deadline of 5pm tomorrow.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: With a bunch of house bills and I know you are going through a transition so i'm going to ask you, these questions.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And then we're going to go forward pretty quickly and then open up to other questions, my first question we're in the middle of black history month.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And every year, we as black people share to the

world that black history is really 20 473 65, but one thing that's been really critically important to me and looking at my physical and emotional wellness I really want to know who to call on for strength.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: To go about your daily activities, you know do who do you look to who are our foremothers and forefathers that you look to, or are there, people in Community or in your family that you say you know i'm having a hard time, this is a lot, let me look to them and their story to carry me on.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Oh that's such a great question.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I would say, the first thing I will say is like too many black women, you know you know we often feel like we carry that that burden alone, and so we always.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We don't always reach out and let it be known when we do feel like we need help, we just kind of have to put on our big girl pants and keep it pushing that's what just what we do, I think I am learning to do more of the REACH out and I start by.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: talking to God so just prayer and making sure that i'm starting my days with prayer that i'm ending my days with prayer and then throughout the day.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I have a circle of just dynamite dope sister girlfriends and so staying connected, even though we can't physically see each other.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: The way we used to, and that you know quite frankly changed even before coven you know elected office takes a lot of your time and trying to balance work and home is has been difficult for me i'll just speak for myself i'm talk for you REP Miranda.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know, this is an all consuming job.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: The district that I represent is very high needs that a lot of the the disparities that we see.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Throughout the city of Boston play out in my district, we have a life expectancy gap that is 30 years from from girl file the symphony hall.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We know about the wealth gap throughout the city of Boston and what that means, so I don't do it enough, but I know and i'm learning to do it more.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And I I like to remind myself, you know upon whose shoulders, I stand upon, and those are folks from you know ella Joe baker to Fannie Lou hamer which are just heroes to me Angela Davis Marian Wright edelman who i've already mentioned.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: People like Stacy abrams people in my own family, my mother certainly my grandmother's my grandmother's were everything to me.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: I import so much into me and then mentor mentors like college professors Lisa Sullivan, I like to.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: bring her name into spaces, she has passed, she was a couple years older than me when I went back to school in my mid to late 20s.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know, as a young mom you know she's the one in fact who got me connected to the children's Defense fund so just thinking about the women who have come before me, who have done so much to really blaze a trail.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And I know it is because of them that I am that i'm here, and then I would say, obviously the electives of color is an important powerful group and so.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: What i'm learning and trying to do more, of leaning in because I don't do it enough and it it, you know it's exhausting and.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We need to recharge you know i've we have this is why I held the self care day at the end of 2019 for women, particularly women of color in elected office.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know people expect us to be all things to everyone, because we always have been, and we expect that of ourselves and it's difficult it's a heavy burden and we need others to kind of help hold hold us up and hold up the work so.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Great and Ray, thank you for sharing that because a lot of folks don't understand when you're doing the work of legislating of governing.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: coven has been difficult for all of our communities, particularly black and brown communities.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: When you talk about the need for rental relief, you talk about the twin pandemics, but literally it feels like it's five pandemics in one.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: there's a racial reckoning happening in this country

that hasn't been seen in 50 years we have a housing crisis we have an economic crisis, we have a public health crisis that has left communities of color behind.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And you leading the City Council and now and potentially in this new role as President.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: As mayor Walsh actually goes to Washington DC, how do you feel the Council is really working to address racial.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Disparities in Boston I know, for I, being one of 22 members of the Boston delegation in the statehouse.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Coupled with the multiple members of the City Council had been looking at racial equity and everything from policing to housing to education, to economics and so, how do you feel that the City Council is approaching this.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And and you're absolutely right in terms of the unprecedented challenges that we are facing every single issue is that a breaking point.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In addition to the ones you mentioned, we can look at our schools and the opportunity and achievement gap that persists, year after year after a year and will only be worse and by this pandemic, we think about climate justice and we have to recognize that climate justice.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Is racial justice if we do that right, we have to protect our climate and when we do that is good for black and brown people we are the ones who are hardest hit on that.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: So every issue is at a crisis

i'm very proud to lead the most diverse city council in boston's history, for the first time ever, this Council is a majority.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: People of color and a majority women Council and we have, and that Thank you, and that is important, not because it's so great to have you know black women or other folks but it's because of.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: How we approach this work and the lens and the lived experience that we bring to the work, and so you know this Boston City Council has done incredible work.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: To meet the challenges that are before us today whether thinking of the joint press conference that we all held together at the statehouse steps.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: After the horrific murder of George floyd and so many others, to really lay out a legislative and budgetary agenda, one that calls for us to reimagine policing.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: To too many people called a defund the police, but how do we respond to crisis and how do we ensure that that there is fairness and true justice in our judicial system we have passed legislation at the city level.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Almost a companion to to what you've done at the state level that created an office of police accountability and transparency, we have done work around facial recognition banning that in the city of Boston, we know that too many times.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know that comes up wrong, and it has a disproportionate impact for people of color especially black people in the darker your skin tone is, the more likely.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: they're going to be, you know people who are misidentified so that you know was banned we we pass legislation around banning credit checks, we still have more work to do on that front.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: That was credit checks for employment.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: So many ways, these are, these are the different types of issues that impact residence in our in our in our city, but have.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: kind of an adverse impact on on poor people of color, in particular in especially black people there has been, you know I don't have to tell folks on this call about anti black racism and there's all kinds of levels of racism, but racism levied against black people is.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: has been with us now, for centuries, and you know what is powerful and all of this is the way that community has has risen up to say no more.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And not just marching in the streets and having you know rallies and protests, but organizing that's what's exciting about this people organizing.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: People demanding more from their elected officials people crafting their own legislation and or policy plans, so that has been encouraging, that is what we have always done.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: As a people as a community as black women black women organize you know so i'm grateful that the work that we've done on the Council and excited about the work that I will do when I assume officer As mayor.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Thank you so much for sharing that because I remember that June day.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And I remember the six months of really painful work that we had to do in our communities across the state from pittsfield to pee town to really.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Catch Massachusetts out to not only be one formerly one of four states that didn't have.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: A way to license and DEA license officers, but as someone who actually wrote the use of force section of that bill incredibly proud that in this moment the six women of color.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: In the city council and the four and then three black women out of 200 have served in the statehouse along with our brothers, along with the Latin X folks and Asian American folks really pushing forward an agenda that.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You went on mute.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: In six months really changed what the Commonwealth saw as justice and equity, the next two questions are kind of coupled.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And it's really about, you know you have your daughter you worked incredibly hard to succeed, for her.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: and for your family, you know what advice would you give to her or other young women.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: or there's over 115 people on this call, some of us are members of delta Sigma theta sorority incorporated some of us are women, some of us some men.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Presenting as such, and some of us are just on this call to really hear from you what advice would you give.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: To her or another 25 year old person that is looking to have a seat at the table or someone who's on this call saying, I want to serve more and serve better, I want to help Boston move forward what would you say to them.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Great great great question.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And I didn't make this up this, I think I saw on social media and it says simply trust your dopiness I think too often we as women, particularly as black women, women of color.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Because we have been told, no so many times because we've been overlooked so many times, because we have been man explained or not invited to the table.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know I think we can doubt ourselves and our ability and one of the most remarkable things about black women is we just get it done.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: we're about the work we make a way out of no way that's what we've been doing forever we've had to do it.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know the flip side to, that is, you can kind of burn yourself out because we're always on the

go, but it is, it is trust trust yourself listen to your your instincts.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: listen to your gut don't let someone talk you out of something particularly someone who you know isn't where you're trying to go.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know, love yourself be good to yourself take care of yourself that is so incredibly important, and when it comes to seats at the table.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know i'm a big believer and you know let's build our own tables i'm about that mindset of i'm not trying to beg for a seat at your table, we have all that we need to build our own tables and we should be doing just that so that would be my advice.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Thank you so much, you know as someone who came to public office not believing that I belonged, you know I wasn't an attorney.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: I was a Community organizer and youth worker and said no seven times before I ran and then run.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And ran a successful raceway I had a set of set a record of 10,000 people winning just like you and setting this sort of precedent of like grassroots organizers can win i'm going to ask you one final question, and thank you so much for being so open and candid.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: we're in a season of change, we have one of the worst pandemics of our lifetimes we have lost so many people I myself in April of this.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: past year lost my grandmother and 20 members of my family, including myself, were sick we're now in a vaccine rollout that has been botched by our executive branch.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And we're just, you know as people of color really in a place of.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: of trying to figure out like where do we, where do we go next what's our future look like and I just would love for you to talk to our audience today about how do you envision.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: The future of Boston and the Commonwealth, we know that Boston is Massachusetts biggest city.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: there's a lot of power hair and as we move forward in this time with multiple pandemics and sort of lens of racial equity that I know that you have in your work and I have in mind.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Where where are we going next and weird we need our people to go with this, because it's so important that we understand that we go at this to get.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Exactly exactly, and I think it is important for us to realize that we get to craft, you know that that path we we get to chart that course we get to create our own stories.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And we shouldn't be shy about doing that, and so we can go wherever we choose to go if we're willing to do the work to get there, and I think we can go further, when we go together and do the work together.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know this pandemic has been devastating with disproportionate impact to to black families

here in Boston and certainly my deepest condolences to you REP Miranda and so many others who have experienced great loss to this due to this pandemic.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We know that the same is true in the Latin next Community they've had disproportionate impact.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And, and so really important for us, who have been hardest hit, to ensure that we have not only equitable access to the vaccine.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: But confidence in the vaccine and we all know the history of racism in this country, it is no secret we all experienced that firsthand and have heard the stories, if not, you know ourselves, certainly from our parents and our grandparents.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And when it comes to to this pandemic, you know, in my mind it is so incredibly important that we take the vaccine I know people have questions and concerns, and they want to point to.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: All the different ways that we have been screwed by medical institutions or universities or government, we can just look at flint Michigan as recent as a few years ago, to see how black people have been failed by.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: You know the system and and its own government, but I think back to tuskegee and I know people will will bring that up.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: As another example, as to why they don't want the vaccine and it's it's important for us.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: to recognize in that that is

when treatment was denied to us, we were denied the cure to syphilis.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: When it came to to ski and we cannot be denied the vaccine when our communities, our hardest said.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And, particularly when we're, not just in confirmed cases but in terms of death, we should be at the front of the line and so.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: soon as i'm able, I will certainly be getting the vaccine and i'm encouraging i'm so grateful my mom I just got off the phone with her not too long ago she's anxious to get it and she's very anti Western medicine.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Very anti my mother is live off the earth, he doesn't want any of that stuff but she's ready for the vaccine and that's important we need to to ensure that we get it.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: One so that the devastation that we're seeing in our communities that we can get a handle on that.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: We certainly need it, you mentioned, you know how how central Boston is to the rest of the Commonwealth we're not just the capital city, we are the economic engine for the entire region really New England.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And so, if Boston is not well then, no, no other town or municipality is going to be well, this is where folks are coming to work, etc, and so.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And they can't come to work if they're if we don't get this vaccine right, so we need the vaccine to reopen our businesses to put families back to work and to get our kids back in schools with your teachers and with their peers.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In terms of a longer term vision, it is one where Boston truly is a city for all of us Boston is you know, a world class city it's my hometown I love my city.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: It is why fight so hard people think you know advocacy is criticism and you must hate it here and why don't you move I fight so hard, because I love my city.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And I know my city, can be better and should be living up to all that we say that we are, and when we work together, we can get there.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: And, and we need to ensure that all of the wonderful things that make our city great.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: That all of us have those opportunities, and so you know there's a lot of work that will go into that and it's, not just those who are in elected office we need everyone.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: To be part of those solutions, and so I know the deltas are certainly on the front lines of many of these issues very active.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: In many ways, on in, not just in terms of your careers, but in terms of service and what you do beyond your day jobs and so i'm i'm grateful.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: That folks will be there and i'm counting on you to be there when I when I am in the office of mayor, because I can't do this alone, I know, black girls are magic.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: But i'm not a magician none, none of us are and we should not be putting ourselves into early grace trying to do it all we have to do this together.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: wow Thank you so much City Council President represented the mighty very well from district seven Kim janie and it's just a beautiful to see a smile on your face.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: I know, being in this work that is righteous work it is work that is also a privilege, but also a big responsibility, and we want to thank you.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: For leading with integrity for leading with love and for leading with equity and I just want to say that tonight, has been a quick fireside chat, but we want to thank you for making time for us and I, you know you know, I just want you to know that i'm with you i'm here.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: You know this is a city that was founded in 1620 for many of our neighborhoods, it is an old city, the government of this Commonwealth was started at 1636.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And there haven't been many black women, you can actually count on your two hands, maybe three times or four times the amount of black women that have served in city government.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: or served at the state house, but that doesn't mean that we haven't been here.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: And that we haven't been contributing and that we won't continue to do so, so thank you have a good evening and i'm going to pass it over to soar Cairo Copeland Thomas.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: for leading us with Thank you so much, I would love for us to use the chat to send good energy and love to our soon to be mayor, as she as she was in another chapter of her own leadership in our own personal story, and thank you for stepping up and stepping out for all of us.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Thank you so much it's been such a pleasure and honor Thank you very much.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: wow I don't know what to say i'm just looking at the chat room, I am just dancing on top of the the.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The table when I think about what you have said and how you have inspired all of us, both you representative Liz Miranda.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And also you, President of the Boston City Council Kim janie it's been outstanding i'm going to actually if you don't mind i'm going to bring the the panel Members on i'ma bring our chapter President on right now.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We want to add them to the spotlight, we say thank you so much for what you have done.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I just can't Thank you enough, and again you just look at the comments in the chat room and you can actually see how excited people are so.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: i'd love for Kelly tatum and flora Jean Paul come on camera, so we can all come and give our properties to President Kim janie and also representative.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Liz Miranda and what we'll do really quickly, before I turn it over to our chapter President, as we end our program

we want to get a quick group picture so we're all here, look at the camera and we're going to again thank you so so much here's picture number one.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And here's picture number two and then i'm going to turn it over to our chapter President, Dr Ingrid Tucker hold on this is picture number two here we go.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: awesome give her a big round of applause that was amazing both of you absolutely amazing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Dr Tucker.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: All right, well, first and foremost, I want to say, on behalf of the Boston alumni chapter of delta Sigma theta sorority incorporated, we are so thankful to both you.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: Council President sore janie, and so our Miranda representatives or a man from it.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: Miranda I just i'm i'm i'm a roxbury girl too, so I am you know, I was.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: everything you said just really resonated and we just want to thank you and everyone who tuned in tonight because we realize that you could have done anything but you chose to be with us, and this was a powerful evening.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: And so we're thankful thankful we're thankful to anyone who's in the audience, that is an elected official, a member of the D nine.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: Just someone who wanted to just take the time to hear both of you and you're powerful words and so, in closing i'm going to leave with.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: two quotes from shirley chisholm and and the first one truly is what you both embody, and that is you don't make progress by standing on the sidelines whimpering and complaining.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: You make progress by implementing ideas and so thank you for your implementation of your ideas and making those things come to pass, because we all benefit from it.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: The second is if they don't give you a seat at the table bring a folding chair.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: And we've all pulled out chairs up to listen intently to what you have to say this evening and we are truly blessed by your presence and we are standing with you.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: As you phase into the to the next position, so we thank you so much for taking the time to be with us, and we hope to see you again, and we wish you the very best lots of prayers are up for you, thank you.

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Boston City Council President Kim Janey: Thank you have a wonderful evening it's been a pleasure and a delight, thank you, thank you.

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Dr. Ingrid Tucker: thank all of you.

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Rep. Liz Miranda: Good evening and go forward and prosper.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We thank you all so much for this program I

wanted to have a special shout out to sorrow ayana polk who is my co chair, with the Social Action Committee.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: God bless each and every one of you, we will be back with a another program for the general public in the future, thank you very much for attending tonight's fireside chat you.