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## **Hyams Foundation Responds to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's 2017 State of the City Address**

**BOSTON**—In response to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's 2017 State of the City Address, Hyams Foundation Executive Director Jocelyn Sargent released the following statement concerning the mayor's comments on racial equity in the city:

"The Foundation applauds Mayor Walsh for his explicit commitment to pursuing racial justice and equity in Boston and emphasizing the importance of the 'city with values written in its DNA.' Race plays a pivotal role in the daily lives of Boston residents, from immigration to housing to education to wages. Given the larger political and social landscape we're living in, I'm quite optimistic that having much-needed dialogue, and corresponding action, around race in this city will go a long way towards realizing transformative change for communities of color across Boston. The city's national reputation for being a leader on so many issues can only be enhanced as a result of taking bold steps to address a very visible problem that affects the lives of so many."

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*Founded in 1921, the Hyams Foundation is committed to ending the economic and social inequities experienced by communities of color in Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts.*