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Tonight, I am pleased to announce that I have secured \$1 million from the Convention Host Committee to fund the beautification of Boston's neighborhoods.

~Thomas Menino

It's like an Alcatraz around my neck

~Thomas Menino

One of our key strategies has been to restructure traditional high schools into small learning communities with personalized attention and a range of options.

~Thomas Menino

Preparing our city to achieve its destiny will require strong leadership.

~Thomas Menino

Here's what I see all across this great city - people working together to make Boston a better place to live and to raise children, to grow and pursue dreams.

~Thomas Menino

I grew up with a Christmas tree, I'm going to stay with a Christmas tree.

~Thomas Menino

Boston is safe. And we're going to keep it safe.

~Thomas Menino

I am also committed to providing city employees with housing assistance.

~Thomas Menino

The true privilege of being Mayor is that I have the opportunity to be everyone's neighbor.

~Thomas Menino

Children need continuity as they grow and learn.

~Thomas Menino

And it was from Boston that one in every six American families began their journey into the land of the free.

~Thomas Menino

Currently, Boston has only nine percent of the state's population - but we provide more than 16 percent of the jobs and 19 percent of the state's revenues.

~Thomas Menino

For every \$5 that Boston's economy sends up to Beacon Hill, the state gives only \$1 back to us.

~Thomas Menino

Boston is the engine of the state's economy.

~Thomas Menino

Boston is known for its innovation.

~Thomas Menino

2004 was a great year for Boston! The Patriots won the Super Bowl! Boston hosted its first national political convention! And - the Red Sox won the World Series!

~Thomas Menino

I'm proud to report that in 2004 alone, we approved 3,600 new units of housing - our best year ever!

~Thomas Menino

In the 1990s, we introduced Boston's community policing strategy. We

reversed the tide of violent crime that threatened our city, and we established a national model for preventing and fighting crime.

~Thomas Menino

We must be vigilant in our actions towards criminals, and innovative in our approach towards solving crime.

~Thomas Menino

Diversity gives our city a competitive edge.

~Thomas Menino

I'm driven. I have the opportunity to change people's lives.

~Thomas Menino

The true value of sport is more than the skills that young people learn.

~Thomas Menino

I am working hard to ensure that working families can continue to afford to live in our city.

~Thomas Menino

He was a man of great statue

~Thomas Menino

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