A Lesson Hard for Boston To Buy: We're Good

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COMMENTARY

CEO Jeff Bezos might as well have sold "somewhere-like Boston." The city's 21-page proposal, submitted to Amazon by last Thursday's deadline, made our strengths sound eminently clear.

This is not just the business columnist in me being boosterish. Yes, over the analyses by pundits and experts alike, and Boston was on nearly everyone's short list of what Amazon might go. A fellow colleague, rattled the results: Boston showed up on 12 of 16 such lists. Only Atlanta appeared more often, with 14 mentions.

This is an important moment for our city and our region, and it's been an honor to be in.

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Also nightmares. In Enfield, Conn., as in communities across the US, the local mall was killed by Amazon and its e-retail ilk. Now Enfield, savouring the irony, is bidding for the company to buy the mall and play the role of savior.

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dress by English bulldog, flowers by chair and strap-up a mouse — "The Beguiled," a Civil War drama of love and betrayal.

The Enfield Square Mall has lost its anchor stores and many smaller shops. Could it be the new Amazon headquarters?
Early test for Walsh on addiction care

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cides to replace the island's treatment facilities. But some of the treatment hikes ended in Stoughton, and it's not known how many people dropped out of treatment during the time it took to restore the beds.

"Officials with two programs once located on Long Island praised Walsh's efforts to make their facilities work," the mayor said.

The mayor absolutely came through. He has my full sup-

The opioid overdose crisis deepened just as Walsh took of-

ice. In 2012, state health re-

(above) New Jersey's Home, a non-profits newly opened treatment program, opened 10 years after the closure of the Long Island treatment center. Critics of Mayor Martin J Walsh say those efforts would not have gone to the Long Island center are stuck on Boston's streets.

Cass, but families throughout the city far from public view.

He called it unfair to focus

The opioid crisis has every-

The treatment programs

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The 311 line is meaningless

The 311 line is meaningless when people still can't get into treatment, he said.

"If there are no services for people to get to, it doesn't mat-

Representative Nick Collins, whose district encompasses Long Island and other Boston' neighborhoods, said he thinks Walsh has done what he can to cope with the epidemic.

"The mayor understands this issue probably better than any other mayor in the coun-

ty," Collins said. "No one can say the mayor hasn't put his money where his mouth is.

State Representative Daniel J. Ryan, whose district includes Charlestown, agree.

"It looks to me like, citywide, he's putting the tools in place that we need," Ryan said. "But it's growing a epidemic that keeps changing on us." But Kelly, the advocate and app creator, questions whether the mayor's programs add up to enough. Although Walsh created an Office of Recovery Services, Kelly hasn't seen any impact.

"People ask me, what does that even do? The Office of Re-

What do they do even?" Kelly said. "It doesn't seem like anything's changed!"

Equally unimpressed is Jim Stewart, a founding member of the Boston Homeless Solidarity Commit-