

September 2, 2022


Mr. Mel King
4 Yarmouth Street
Boston, MA 02116

I hope you are feeling better. Love you yo!

Dear Mr. Mel King,

As you know, the Roxbury Community College (RCC) Library holds the materials from your historic 1983 Mayoral Campaign. THANK YOU for the generous donation of these important documents in 2005, which also includes some documents from your congressional campaign in 1986 and state representative run in 1972. The collection has incredible historical value, and your legacy is to be celebrated. We are honored to be the keepers of such valuable documents.

We are excited to inform you that our library intends to digitize the collection which will allow greater access to the materials currently only available in print format. Digitization means we can make these materials available online not just in Massachusetts but from anywhere in the world. This project will remove barriers to access for anyone wishing to learn, research, write or just read about the contributions your activist and political efforts have made to the Commonwealth and more specifically to the many neighborhoods your passion, dedication, and hard work have touched.

The digitization of the Mel King Papers and the 1983 Mayoral Campaign documents will begin this fall 2022, using a high-end scanner under the supervision of RCC's Library archivist. This project will include the digitalization of other historical archives, including the Boston Black United Front. Both the Mel King Papers and the Boston Black United Front collection contain rich, invaluable history about Boston, the Black community, and its leaders.

At RCC we strongly believe these incredible works should be available to the community at large, students, activists, researchers, writers, academics, and others. I know you agree that it is important to know our history, understand where we have been, and celebrate those who have worked tirelessly to ensure a brighter future for upcoming generations. Your legacy as an activist, community leader, and role model has impacted multiple generations. We want to honor you and thank you or your representative in person, if possible.

We respectfully invite you to join us as we launch this most important project. My office will be in touch to plan an opportunity to thank you or your representative in person.

Sincerely,



Jackie Jenkins-Scott
Interim President