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Dear neighbors,

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and enjoying the summer. With Phase 3 of the re-opening underway, I appreciate everyone's continued efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19. Despite a decline in cases locally, the number of those infected continues to soar nationwide, unfortunately. Our city and state have come so far over the last few months and we owe it to our neighbors, medical professionals, frontline workers, first responders and local businesses to not throw away the progress we've made. In the absence of a medical breakthrough, it is critical that we continue to remain careful and follow the guidelines of our public health officials and wear masks, practice physical distancing, avoid crowds and potential super spreading events, and wash our hands frequently.

In the City Council this month, we celebrated the American Disability Act's 30th anniversary as well as the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. It was an honor to join Mayor Walsh and the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Kristen McCosh, at the groundbreaking of City Hall Plaza, which will be a much more welcoming and accessible space for all after the renovations.

I was also proud to call for hearings to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment, housing and other opportunities and to discuss internet access and digital equity.

In the district, I met with residents and city colleagues to address a range of issues including the maintenance of our parks, specifically Moakley Park in South Boston, Peters Park in the South End, and the Boston Common. We must continue to work together on public safety and quality of life issues to ensure our parks and opens spaces are enjoyed by all of our neighbors.

I would also like to remind folks that the 2020 Census is still ongoing and encourage you to please fill out the census if you haven't already. The census will determine crucial funding and resources to our state, city, and district; which included \$16 billion in FY 2015 for priorities like healthcare, childcare, education, transportation, roads, senior centers, and food programs like SNAP. Now more than ever, we need to remind our family, friends, and neighbors that everyone counts and your response will make a difference to those around you.

Thank you and stay safe,

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City and District Updates

Street Sweeping Update:

Street sweeping schedules are currently in effect, with no enforcement of parking restrictions. Ticketing enforcement will resume on **Monday, August 10th**. Enforcement will not include towing vehicles until further notice.

For street sweeping alerts, please sign up at:
<https://cityofboston.gov/publicworks/sweeping/>

Upcoming Abutters Meeting:

- August 3, 7:30pm at 847 East 5th Street, South Boston
- August 4, 5:30pm at 520 East Broadway, South Boston

Council Hearings & Resolutions



Resolution celebrating Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) 30th Anniversary in July.

It was an honor to join Councilor At-Large Anissa Essaibi-George on a City Council resolution to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Americans with

Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA has had a profound impact on the lives of many persons with disabilities. Their contributions to our country are celebrated today and every day.

Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing National Purple Heart Day.

I was proud to join Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty to introduce a City Council resolution to recognize National Purple Heart Day on August 7th. The Purple Heart is awarded to American Service members who served in the U.S. military who are injured, wounded or died while a prisoner of war (POW). Let us all honor and recognize the bravery and sacrifices of the men and women who were wounded or paid the supreme sacrifice for this country.

Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORI on access to employment and other opportunities.

Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty and I called for a hearing at the City Council on the impact of CORI. A CORI record can impede access to employment, housing and other opportunities for those who are gaining reentry, and disproportionately impacts our communities of color. We need to continue discussing ways to expand opportunities for our Black and Brown communities, including how we can improve our current CORI reforms.

Resolution supporting Congressional bill S. 2043, "Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act"

I was proud to join City Councilor Lydia Edwards as a co-sponsor to introduce a resolution in support of Congressional Bill S. 2043. Hate crimes often go unreported and we need accurate data on this epidemic. It is critical we support laws that help address and prevent hate crimes in our country.

Order for a hearing to discuss internet access and digital equity in the City of Boston.

I was proud to call for a hearing with Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia and Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty to discuss resources and strategies for internet access and digital equity in the City of Boston. As we continue to discuss how we operate during the pandemic and post-COVID-19 world, internet access and digital equity must be a key part of the conversation. We should ensure that residents have equal access to internet and digital services, and that there are resources in place to assist families who need help.

Resolution celebrating the centennial adoption of the 19th Amendment granting women's right to vote.

Together with Council President Kim Janey and City Councilor Andrea Campbell, we passed a resolution in celebration of the centennial adoption of the 19th Amendment in the US Constitution, which gave women the right the vote. We must celebrate and honor the suffragists' acts of sacrifice and bravery

to enfranchise women and benefit generations and generations of women to come.

In the Community



It was great to visit the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Condon Community Center to thank the staff and counselors at the summer youth program for organizing fun and educational programs for our kids. Even during these challenging times, it is always great to see people helping others and making a difference.



It was an honor to join Mayor Walsh and my colleagues in government for City Hall Plaza groundbreaking ceremony. I'm proud to work with the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Commissioner Kristen McCosh, colleagues like Councilor At-Large Anissa Essaibi-George, and city officials on this project. The plaza will be beautiful and welcoming to all, especially to persons with disabilities.



I was proud to join State Representative David Biele in standing with UFCW Local 1445 and Stop & Shop employees at South Bay Mall earlier this month. I provided a letter on behalf of my Boston City Council colleagues in strong support of the workers who lost hazard pay. With the pandemic still ongoing, these essential workers are on the front lines for us and should be recognized, appreciated and continue to receive hazard pay.



Thank you to the Salvation Army, Mayor Walsh and the BPDA for assisting South End residents with access to nutritious food. It was great to join State Representative Jon Santiago and residents of Methunion Manor as we discussed food and language access issues.



Congratulations to our South Boston students who were recognized for their participation in the Annual South Boston Citizens Association Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Contest. It was great to join my colleagues in government, Haley Dillon from ONS and our neighbors at Dorchester Heights to listen to a lecture on the American Revolution by Professor Allison from Suffolk University.

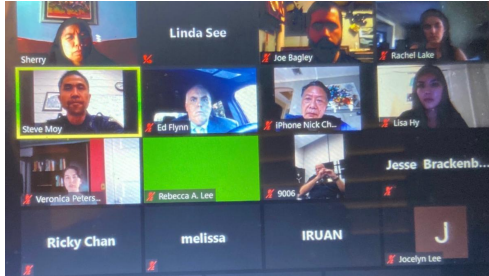
BCYF Tynan in South Boston has an outstanding summer program for the youth in the community. It was great to join State Representative David Biele and City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty in thanking the staff and counselors for organizing a great program under difficult circumstances.



Thank you to Boston Police Captain Sweeney (D-4), City of Boston employees, and Pine Street Inn staff for meeting with the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association, South End residents and I to discuss Peters Park and issues related to homelessness, needles and cleanliness. Peters Park is a jewel for our city and the South End, and it is critical to the well being of our residents.

The Boston Housing Authority team, Rep Santiago, Faisa Sharif from ONS and I met with the residents of Unidat Apartments on West Dedham Street in the South End to discuss maintenance challenges of the

building. We will continue to work closely with neighbors on our plan to improve the quality of life for residents.



It was great to join Chinatown Neighborhood Council at their monthly meeting. In attendance were Boston Police Captain Ciccolo (A-1), Sherry Dong from Tufts Medical Center, Joe Badgley, ONS Chinatown Lisa Hy and staff from the Rose Kennedy Greenway. We discussed quality of life issues, including public safety challenges.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-635-3203 or ed.flynn@boston.gov.