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Dear neighbors,

As we have discussed over the last several months, and patiently waited for over a year, the light at the end of the tunnel is finally now here. Due to enormous achievements of science, technology and the human race, safe and medically proven vaccines have been made widely available to all. Our COVID-19 cases and deaths have plummeted due to over 3.2 million Massachusetts residents now fully vaccinated. As a result of the successful rollouts in New England region, the state of Massachusetts, and the City of Boston, COVID-19 restrictions in the City have now been lifted. Following CDC guidance, the state's face covering order was also rescinded, and Governor Baker's State of Emergency will end on June 15. Moreover, starting Monday, June 7th, Boston City Hall will be open to the public by appointment on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Over the course of the last month, my team and I continued to work hard on behalf of our District 2 neighbors, including at many spring clean-up and Love Your Block events. With grilling season and Summer nearly upon us, I hosted a community meeting with Boston Fire Commissioner Dempsey regarding fire safety and what's allowed in the City of Boston. Councilor Flaherty and I held a City Council hearing on problem properties with the Boston Police Department and Inspectional Services due to out-of-control parties and quality of life issues. We're advocating for an increased scale of fines for this rude and inconsiderate behavior, as neighbors know this was an issue prior to the pandemic and will continue even as our economy re-opens. We also recognized Asian American Heritage Month, and honored our AAPI neighbors for their many contributions to our city and country.

In observance of a solemn Memorial Day weekend, we took time to reflect on those that made the Supreme Sacrifice in service to our country and honored our Gold Star families as well. Their bravery and sacrifice for our nation, and the cause of freedom throughout the world, shall never be forgotten. We honored their memory at a number of events in District 2, including at the MA Fallen Heroes Memorial in the South Boston Waterfront, Medal of Honor Park and the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial in the South End, to name a few.

Please continue to contact my team and I with any constituent service issues at ed.flynn@boston.gov and 617-635-3203.

Thank you,
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City and District Updates

BPDA Meeting

- [Kick-Off Virtual Public Meeting: 244 - 284 A Street \(Fort Point\)](#)
 - **Monday, June 7th, 6pm to 8pm**
- [Virtual Public Meeting: 244 - 284 A Street \(Open Space & Resiliency\)](#)
 - **Monday, June 21st, 6pm to 8pm**

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

All City of Boston residents ages 12 & over are now eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a mass vaccination site and be notified when it's your turn for an appointment, or find a local provider as well. Find more information here:

<https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>

Rental Relief Fund

[The City of Boston has provided an additional \\$50 million in federal stimulus funding from the American Rescue Plan to the Boston Rental Relief Fund in an effort aimed at housing stability for neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.](#) This new funding will help residents who are in need pay their rent and assist in preventing evictions. Please note that the federal eviction moratorium now expires on June 30. [Please visit this page to apply or check if you are eligible for the Rental Relief Fund.](#)

COVID-19 Resources for Businesses

The Office of Economic Development host weekly calls for small business owners and provides information and resources on reopening guidance and support services. Their weekly calls are on Tuesdays at 3pm and you can pre-register here to join:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B12DiEy2QZKoe3LjC71yQQ

They also offer various Business Relief Funds such as:

- [Certified Business Fund](#)
- [Commercial Rental Relief Fund](#)
- [High Road Kitchens Restaurant Relief Fund](#)
- [Reopen Boston Fund](#)

For more information, please visit: <https://www.boston.gov/news/covid-19-resources-businesses>

2021 Outdoor Dining Application

The 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program is taking applications and the Licensing Board is reviewing applications on an ongoing basis. [Please check their website for more information regarding key dates, requirements and guidelines.](#)

Different City departments will need to review applications for an outdoor dining extension, whether onto private property, public sidewalks or public streets. Upon reviewing the application requirements and guidelines, [you can start your application here.](#)

FY22 Community Preservation Funds

Please note the Community Preservation rolling eligibility form is now open for the next funding round. If any neighbors or civic organizations are interested in applying for CPA funding for FY22, please complete the eligibility form and talk with CPA staff. [You may please fill out the rolling eligibility form here.](#)

[You can also find additional information on the application process here.](#)

There will be a Community Preservation Virtual Meet and Greet on **Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm.**

The meet and greet will be an informal conversation to learn more about:

- the Community Preservation Act (CPA) process
- the state statute
- preserving your neighborhood
- application requirements, and
- the evaluation process.

To join, please RSVP here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVKu_rh0907XoaVeqHULR94IUdS_qkZkKzghqUvNk47qAEg/viewform

[Please visit the CPA webpage for updates and upcoming events.](#)

Scam Resources for Seniors from Age Strong Commission

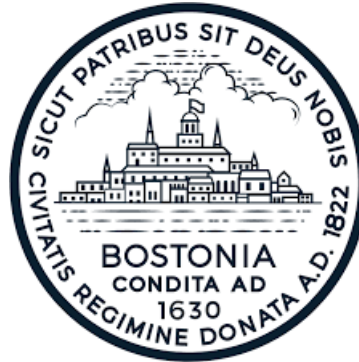
Age Strong Commission has provided some good resources relating to scams on elders. Please visit the following websites to read about the different types of scam fraud:

- [AARP Fraud Watch](#): At the bottom of the website, there is information

on different scams. AARP also has volunteers who can give scam presentations.

- [Federal Trade Commission](#)
- **Boston Police Department Community Service Officers:** Many BPD CSOs also give presentations on scams to community groups.

Council Hearings and Resolutions



Resolution recognizing May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in Boston. Sponsored by Councilors Wu and Flynn.

I was proud to join Councilor Wu in recognizing May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of Boston. The AAPI community has made significant contributions to the building of this nation from the transcontinental railroad to building thriving economies in many of our cities, including Boston. With the rise of anti-Asian hate crimes in the country, it has never been more important to recognize the contributions of our AAPI neighbors and to celebrate and support their cultural heritage, and combat anti-Asian racism. We must continue to stand in solidarity with our AAPI community.

Resolution in support of H.D.4120 “An act relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency”. Sponsored by Councilors Flynn, Breadon and O'Malley.

I was proud to join Councilor Breadon and Councilor O'Malley at the Boston City Council this month in support of H.D. 4120 “An Act Relative to the Educational Needs of Students Whose Education Was Negatively Impacted by the COVID-19 Emergency.” Many students with disabilities may wish for another year to prepare academically. I thank State Representative Ed Coppinger for sponsoring this bill.

Resolution commemorating Memorial Day and honoring those who made the Supreme Sacrifice for our country. Sponsored by Councilors Flynn and Flaherty.

I was proud to join Councilor Flaherty in commemorating Memorial Day at the

Boston City Council last week. We honored the 1.1 million American military personnel who made the Supreme Sacrifice for our country while serving in uniform, and recognized our Gold Star Families for the sacrifices that they have made.

In the Community



I was honored to join South Boston neighbors, elected officials and members of the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. We pray for our U.S. service members who paid the supreme sacrifice for our nation and remember our Gold Star Families for their sacrifice.



On Memorial Day, I visited the 54th Regiment Memorial to honor the 1st African American Soldiers of the Union Army. These brave men made the supreme sacrifice for our nation in the Civil War. Thank you National Park Service, Friends of the Public Garden, Museum of African American History and Boston Parks Department for restoring this memorial.



I was proud to attend an informative discussion by Dr. Vanessa Calderon-Rosado about the IBA's proposal to design its new multi-purpose community arts center on West Newton Street in the South End. I'm honored to represent the diverse and dynamic Villa Victoria community.



Last weekend, I was honored to join the family of Tim “DOC” Cook, for a scholarship in his memory. Tim was a U.S. Navy Petty Officer, Iraq War Veteran and our South Boston neighbor and friend. The award recipients wrote about post traumatic stress and the hidden wounds of war. Congratulations to the students and their families. We are proud of you and your advocacy and support of veterans and our military families. We will always remember and honor Tim!



It was great to join Mayor Kim Janey, South Boston elected officials and Andrew Square neighbors for Saturday’s Love Your Block neighborhood

cleanup. Thank you to Public Works, ONS Haley Dillon, and Andrew Square Civic Association for another successful event. Let's continue working together!



This month, I had the honor to meet and talk with nurses from Tufts Medical Center. During this pandemic, nurses were on the front lines everyday and saving lives. I'm especially proud of their professionalism, dedication, compassion, and commitment to their patients.



Recently, I joined members of the West End Civic Association, Boston Police Department, Boston Public Health Commission, Public Works, Kennedy Avery from Councilor Bok's office, ONS John Romano, City of Boston, Department of Neighborhood Development, and the Downtown North Association for a discussion about public health, public safety, and other quality of life issues in

this neighborhood.



Recently, my daughter Caroline and I joined residents of Fort Point for the annual Love Your Block cleanup. Thank you Fort Point Neighborhood Association, City of Boston, ONS Haley Dillon and Public Works for organizing the event. Let's continue working together on quality of life issues.



It was great to be with the dedicated volunteers at St. Monica Parish for their monthly food assistance program for families in need this month. Thank you Boston Police Department (C-6), Boston Housing Authority, South Boston-Seaport Catholic Collaborative, Our Lady of Good Voyage, South Boston neighbors and elected officials for this partnership.



Last week, I sponsored a virtual meeting with Boston Police Department (A-1) Captain Robert Ciccolo, Downtown BID, Downtown Boston Residents' Association and residents of Chauncy House in Chinatown. We discussed public safety challenges, community policing initiatives, language access and hate crimes against the AAPI community.

I was honored to testify in front of the Boston Human Rights Commission recently during its hearing. I spoke on the alarming rise of anti-Asian racism, as well as violence and intimidation against our AAPI community. I have been vocal about the need to support our AAPI residents, and I proudly continue to stand in solidarity with them. I will continue working with my constituents, colleagues, city officials and AAPI community organizations to stand up against discrimination, and support our community with empathy, respect and dignity.



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**Statement from City Councilor Ed Flynn on President Biden's Memorandum
Condemning and Combating Racism and Xenophobia Against Asian Americans and
Pacific Islanders**

I'm pleased to see that President Joe Biden has issued a memo condemning the increased anti-AAPI sentiments during the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm also glad that President Biden is directing federal agencies to take steps to combat the racism, discrimination, and xenophobia faced by our AAPI residents. As the Boston City Councilor for District 2, I represent the largest Chinese community in Boston, which includes Chinatown, the South End, Bay Village, Back Bay, and South Boston. I know that the Asian American community is a vibrant and resilient community that deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Yet this community has faced increased levels of hate and discrimination since the beginning of the pandemic. So it is important that we address the issue of anti-AAPI sentiments at the federal, state, and local levels.

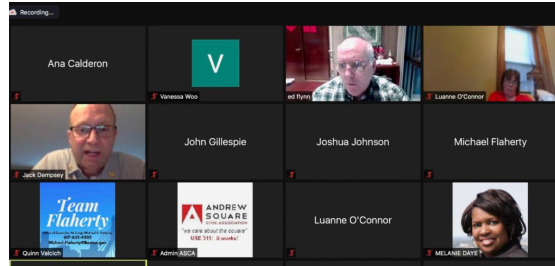
As an elected official, I've focused on language access and providing accurate and updated medical information to my residents on the coronavirus in English, Chinese, and Spanish. I have introduced a number of resolutions that were adopted at the Boston City Council in support of our AAPI communities during the pandemic. I have also spoken out about the increase of anti-AAPI racism and the need to combat such discrimination, including for our students at Boston Public Schools. I will continue working with my constituents, colleagues, city officials and AAPI community organizations to stand up against discrimination, and support our community with empathy, respect and dignity.

Recently, I joined South Boston residents, Boston Police (C-6) Captain Boyle, Representative David Biele, Eversource and Boston Harbor Now for a meeting to discuss the recent



destruction of property at the site of a proposed park on East 1st and K St. (Harborwalk). This vandalism will not be tolerated!

Thank you Boston Fire Department Commissioner Dempsey for participating in our recent meeting about fire prevention and safety. We had an informative discussion, including a Q & A with residents about this critical public safety issue. Fire safety and prevention is everyone's responsibility!

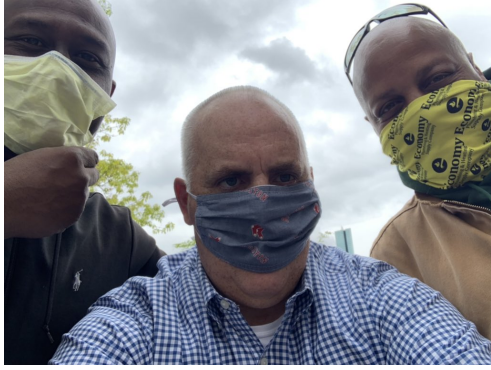


Last weekend, Kristen and I enjoyed attending the dedication and blessing of the Sisters Garden of Prayer and Peace at St. Monica Parish in South Boston. Thank you to the parish community and The Good Samaritan Ministry at Monica's Kitchen for this beautiful garden to benefit the community.

This month, I joined Cheryl Clyburn Crawford from MassVOTE, Tanisha Sullivan from NAACP Boston, State Senator Nick Collins, Suzanne Lee from Chinese Progressive Association, Rock the Vote, and others for the John Lewis National Day of Action to support voting rights of America's voters of color. Voting rights are civil rights!



I visited Peters Park in the South End this month and had the opportunity to thank Jerry and Mike from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for working hard to keep the park clean. I'm proud of our dedicated and



professional City of Boston employees. Boston works best when we work together!

Earlier this month, I attended Chinatown Public Safety Committee's monthly meeting. Thank you Ruth Moy and Boston Police Department (A-1) Captain Robert Ciccolo for working closely with residents, business owners, nonprofits leaders and civic organizations on public safety challenges and community policing strategies.



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