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Dear neighbors,

I hope you and your family are doing well as we head into the fall season.

At the City Council, I recently held a hearing regarding the safety of construction sites due to a recent tragedy and other events in Boston. I authored and passed a resolution celebrating the 10th anniversary of the repeal of "Don't ask, Don't tell". In addition, I am also holding a hearing this week on issues of pest control and illegal dumping due to reports of both increased rodent activity and the illegal disposing of trash at improper locations during the pandemic.

In the community, my team and I continue to focus on improving pedestrian and traffic safety for our constituents. In particular, we have been working with my fellow South Boston Elected Officials, neighbors and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) on a number of areas recently; including a "No Left Turn" during peak commute times down at Day Blvd & N St, as well

the intersection of N Street and East Broadway, the site of yet another tragic crash in our community. I want to thank BTD for beginning their work on yellow flex posts and paint to widen the median, as well as painting "SCHOOL" in the road in both directions, to help create safer conditions for pedestrians to cross.

I continue to hold meetings each and every day with my neighbors and constituents, local civic groups and community organizations, City of Boston departments, my fellow elected officials, and local businesses to help address public safety and quality of life issues in District 2. Please continue to contact my team and I for assistance at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov and 617-635-3203.

Finally, I want to again encourage my neighbors and all residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19. If you have not done so yet, our local, state, and federal public health officials and medical experts have all stated that the vaccines remain the strongest defense against the pandemic and path to return to normal, everyday life. [You can find vaccination sites in Boston here.](#)

Thank you,
Ed

City and District Updates

BPDA Meeting

- [Virtual Public Meeting: BPDA Small Project Review: 363 E St](#)
 - Wednesday, October 6th, 6pm to 7:30pm
- [Virtual Public Meeting: 44 Ellery Street](#)
 - Wednesday, October 13th, 6pm to 7:30pm
- [Virtual Public Meeting: BPDA Small Project Review: 202 West First St](#)
 - Wednesday, October 20th, 6pm to 7:30pm

Community Preservation Act (CPA)

The Community Preservation team will be hosting a Virtual Community Preservation Act (CPA) Application Workshop on Historic Preservation and Open Space and Recreation on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021** and **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**.

If you are a 2022 CPA applicant, we encourage you to join this workshop to learn more about the CPA application process. The CPA team will do a detailed presentation of the application requirements for the 2022 funding round.

Please RSVP below to join the Application Workshop:

October 6th Virtual Application Workshop:

RSVP: Historic Preservation - 12:00pm to 2:00pm

RSVP: Open Space & Recreation - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

October 20th Virtual Application Workshop:

RSVP: Open Space & Recreation - 12:00pm to 2:00pm

RSVP: Historic Preservation - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Please note the 2022 Funding Round has already started and applicants who submitted an eligibility form on **Friday, September 3, 2021** are currently being reviewed by the CPA team.

Candidates deemed eligible by the CPA team will be invited to submit an application for their proposed projects on **October 4, 2021**, by invitation only with a **November 12, 2021** deadline.

COVID-19 Updates and Vaccination Information

Please note face masks are required in all indoor public settings in the City of Boston, due to the City's concerns regarding the COVID-19 Delta Variant. This requires everyone over the age of two to wear a mask or face covering at indoor public places such as businesses, clubs, restaurants and bars, retail outlets, performance venues, gyms, event spaces and municipal buildings. For more details, go to:

<https://www.boston.gov/news/mayor-janey-announces-indoor-mask-mandate-city-boston>

All City of Boston residents ages 12 & over remain eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can find vaccination sites in Boston here:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/covid-19-vaccine-boston>

COVID-19 Relief: \$1 million to support families not eligible for direct federal COVID-19 relief

The City of Boston Equity and Inclusion Cabinet and the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement are awarding \$1 million dollars to the Massachusetts

Immigrant Collaborative (MIC) to support Boston residents who were not eligible for federal COVID-19 relief benefits. MIC will distribute the funds as cash assistance to families in need, regardless of immigration status. MIC will evaluate applications based on Boston residency, household income, access to direct federal COVID-19 relief benefits, and financial need. Cash aid will be given in proportion to the applicant's economic situation. Eligible Boston households can apply for up to \$1,000 in cash aid until funding is exhausted. To request an application, call 617-804-0887 or email Mia Smith at msmith@riancenter.org.

For more, go to: <https://www.boston.gov/news/1-million-support-families-not-eligible-direct-federal-covid-19-relief>

Rental Relief Fund

The City of Boston is dedicating federal funds to the Boston Rental Relief Fund in an effort aimed at housing stability for neighbors impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will help residents who are in need pay their rent and assist in preventing evictions. [Please visit this page to apply or check if you are eligible for the Rental Relief Fund.](#)

Please note that if you apply to Boston's rental relief fund, you cannot be evicted for non-payment. Only an order from a judge can evict you. If you are at risk of eviction, [please contact the Office of Housing Stability at 617-635-4200 or visit this page for assistance.](#)

COVID-19 Resources for Businesses

The Office of Economic Development hosts 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.

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>

Metrolist

Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston, and a top concern for many of our working families, low income neighbors, communities of color, and immigrants. The City of Boston provides a resource called Metrolist that helps you find housing based on your income and provides the most recent affordable housing listings. Please take a look and consider filling out an application for an opportunity to access affordable home ownership. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.boston.gov/metrolist>

Council Hearings and Resolutions



Resolution celebrating "Always Ask, Proud to Tell" Day

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." I was proud to join Councilor Liz Breadon at the Council Meeting this month in passing a resolution celebrating this repeal. Thank you to Boston Veterans Commissioner Santiago for championing this. We must always honor and treat our LGBTQ+ veterans with dignity for their service, sacrifice and love of country.

Hearings Recently Held

Hearing regarding the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston

We held this hearing to discuss the proactive measures needed to reduce the level of risk for our construction workers, and to ensure that construction companies are well vetted to do business in Boston. In recent years, the City of Boston has been experiencing an unprecedented building boom, with large scale construction sites in various neighborhoods, and there are unfortunately a number of accidents that occurred on construction sites, including one tragic incident on High Street this year. Thank you to co-sponsors Councilor Breadon and Councilor Flaherty for their partnership on this issue, and to Councilor Mejia for chairing this hearing. Thank you also to the City's Inspectional Services Department and Boston Police Department for being in the hearing, as well as to the Carpenters' Union for providing testimony.

Pedestrian Safety Improvement Updates



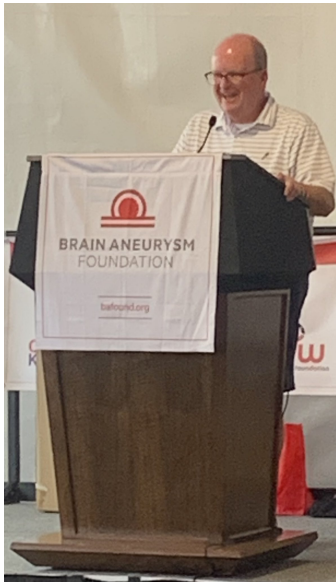
Thank you to my Southie neighbors who advocated for pedestrian safety at the intersection of N Street and East Broadway. Thank you also to the Boston Transportation Department for beginning their work on flex posts and paint to

create a pedestrian island, as well as painting "SCHOOL" on the road. I will continue to advocate for pedestrian safety and traffic-calming infrastructure such as speed bumps, raised crosswalks, rapid flash beacons with pedestrian islands, and curb extensions for shorter crosswalks.

In the Community



I was honored to join Medal of Honor recipients, South Boston neighbors, veterans and Gold Star Families for the 40th Anniversary of the rededication of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial. It was a beautiful ceremony at Medal of Honor Park and Mass of Remembrance at St. Brigid Church.



It was a wonderful golf tournament last Friday to raise money for research, advocacy and support at the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. Thank you to Tom Tinlin and his family, volunteers, sponsors, and golfers for another successful event! It was great to join Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Kim Janey , Secretary Marty Walsh, Councilor Michael Flaherty, State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele.



It was great to join Councilor Lydia Edwards for the annual BBQ & Back to School event sponsored by the Castle Square Tenants Organization this month.

We are proud of the exceptional leadership of CSTO and their commitment to the residents of this wonderful and diverse community.



It was great to attend the recent Boston Teachers Union Back to School Book Fair. Thank you to BTU for organizing this outstanding opportunity for our BPS families. We are proud of the exceptional work our teachers do every day in Boston Public Schools, especially during these challenging times.



Thank you to Asian American Civic Association, Boston University students and ONS Lisa Hy for coordinating this month's cleanup of Chinatown. As a city, we must redouble our efforts on quality of life issues such as clean and safe streets, pest control, illegal dumping, pedestrian safety, and accessible sidewalks.



We had another great South Boston Street Festival on Broadway last weekend. We enjoyed listening and talking with many South Boston residents and businesses owners and employees. Our small businesses play a critical role in our neighborhood. Let's continue to support them! Thank you South Boston Chamber of Commerce and South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation for organizing this event.



Last week, I was honored to attend an exciting reception with residents and friends of Villa Victoria in the South End. We celebrated the exceptional work of painter and artist Hector Collazo. Thank you to the IBA for organizing this event. I'm proud to represent this diverse, wonderful and compassionate community.



Over the 9/11 weekend, Kristen and I were honored to attend Massachusetts Fallen Heroes' "Remembering Our Fallen Heroes & Their Families in Prayer" service at Our Lady of Good Voyage. This service was followed by a procession to the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial where we joined Gold Star Families in prayer and remembrance.



In recognition of National Recovery Day, I was honored to join faith based leaders and treatment providers for a sunrise Mass at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. We prayed for those with substance use disorders, those in recovery, our first responders, medical providers and all of their families.



I was proud to attend the Greater Boston Labor Council and UNITE HERE Local 26 Labor Day rally with the working men and women of organized labor

and colleagues in government. Let us reaffirm our commitment to social and economic justice for all.



This month, I joined the dedicated Age Strong Team for a tour of several residences in Chinatown and the South End with Mayor Kim Janey, Councilor Lydia Edwards and ONS Lisa Hy. It was great to talk with everyone about services and programs for our immigrant neighbors and seniors.



Last week, I was honored to join U.S. Navy Retired Commander and former Prisoner of War Tim Sullivan and Boston Vets Commissioner Rob Santiago in raising the POW/MIA flag in honor of this year's POW/MIA Remembrance Day.



Last weekend, I was honored to join Boston Police, Castle Square residents, Castle Square Tenants Organization and students from Boston and Needham in providing a personal, hand held safety device to elderly Asian Americans. We must work together against the increase in hate crimes against the AAPI community!



It was great to join Councilor Michael Flaherty, State Representative Donald Wong, Rose Kennedy Greenway Executive Director Chris Cook, ONS Lisa Hy at this month's Chinatown Main Street Lantern Festival. It was wonderful to see many families enjoying the Lion Dance and martial art performances. The neighborhoods of Boston make it the great city it is.

This month, I had a wonderful time with the Palamara/McGrath family and South Boston families for the Grand Opening of Colin's Joy Project playground expansion at Medal of Honor Park, where Colin's legacy of joy lives on. Colin, your neighborhood will never forget you.





Kristen and I had a wonderful time with South End residents and families for the recent Harvest Fest at Hayes Park. Thank you to the Hayes Family, Friends of Hayes Park and our great Boston Parks and Recreation Department for maintaining this beautiful and welcoming park!

I was honored to attend the raising of the Chilean flag at Boston City Hall recently. Boston is proud of the vibrant Chilean community and their contributions to our country. Let's continue working together for a city that works for everyone.



It was great to join Councilor Lydia Edwards in meeting and talking with Chinatown residents this month. It was also fun welcoming voters at the early voting site BCYF Quincy. There was excellent civic engagement in this neighborhood!

Kristen and I joined walkers and runners last Saturday for the 12th Annual Run to Home Base at Fenway Park to support the tremendous work of Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program. Through the partnership with Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Brigham, funds raised are used for critical care for veterans and families.



This month, State Representative David Biele, Councilor Frank Baker, staff from Councilor Michael Flaherty's office, Andrew Square Civic Association and I held a meeting and walking tour of Andrew Square with residents, Boston Police Captain Boyle (C-6) and small business owners. Let's continue working together on public safety challenges and quality of life issues.

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

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