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Dear neighbors,

With another Election Day behind us, I want to take the time once again to sincerely thank the residents of District 2 for re-electing me. It is an honor to serve the people of our city, and I remain committed to continue advocating for the services and resources needed for our communities to prosper.

We also had an eventful month with community events, as we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in the City Council, and recognized our Hispanic Council staff and community leaders. Our children and families also celebrated Halloween across the district with wonderful costumes and lots of treats. It was wonderful to participate in these events, which remind us of how resilient and vibrant our city is.

November is also a month of holidays, as we observe Veterans Day and celebrate Thanksgiving. I want to recognize our veterans and service members who have served our country with bravery and honor, as well our military and Gold Star families. As we also gather with our families for Thanksgiving in what has been a difficult couple of years in our city and country, I want to encourage neighbors who are not vaccinated to please get the shot, so that our families can celebrate in peace knowing we have all done the best we can to protect ourselves, our friends and families, and our communities.

I hope that you and your families continue to stay healthy and safe this holiday season.

Thank you,  
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## City and District Updates

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### **BPDA Meeting**

- [BPDA: 745 Atlantic Avenue - Virtual Public Meeting & IAG](#)
  - Monday, November 22nd, 6:30 to 8:30pm
- [BPDA: 270 West 2nd Street - Virtual Public Meeting](#)
  - Tuesday, November 23rd, 6:00 to 7:30pm

### **Abutters Meeting**

- 417-423C W Broadway
  - Monday, November 15th, 5:30pm
- 200 L St
  - Tuesday, November 16th, 5:30pm
- 127 Bolton St & 152 W Third St
  - Tuesday, November 16th, 6:30pm
- 324-328 W Broadway
  - Tuesday, November 16th, 7:30pm
- 95 Baxter St
  - Wednesday, November 17th, 5:30pm

### **Cannabis Community Meeting**

- [Ascend, 272 Friend Street, West End, MA 02114 \(re: home delivery services\)](#)
  - Tuesday, November 9th at 7pm
- [200 High Street, Boston MA 02210](#)
  - Wednesday, November 10th at 6pm

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### **COVID-19 latest**

[Please note face masks continue to be required in all indoor public settings in the City of Boston.](#) 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.

### **Vaccine & Booster Update**

Children ages 5 to 17 are now able to get the Pfizer vaccine. People who are 18 and older can get any vaccine. Eligible people age 18 and older can get any booster (Pfizer, Moderna and J&J). If you are unsure whether you are eligible for a booster or which booster to get, the State website provides more information here: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on boosters can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions>

[Here is a list of locations which provides COVID-19 vaccines in the City of Boston.](#) Please note not all locations will carry vaccines for children ages 5 to 11. You should contact vaccine sites for more information.

For updates on the vaccines, please check:

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

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### **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](mailto:msmith@riancenter.org).

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

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### **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.](#)

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### **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](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>

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## **Metrolist**

Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston, and a top concern for many 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>

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# **Council Hearings and Resolutions**

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## **Order for a hearing to discuss investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure & electrifying the city of Boston's vehicle fleet**

I was proud to partner with Councilor Matt O'Malley in calling for a hearing to discuss Electrical Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, as well as electrifying the City of Boston's vehicle fleet. After a landmark legislation on BERDO 2.0, our transportation sector will be key in reducing pollution and carbon emissions. With federal legislation, and funding aimed at both EV charging infrastructure and tax credits to incentivize consumers, as well as the major car companies spending billions to go electric in the coming decade, it is critical to discuss Boston's vehicle fleet and building out our infrastructure -- not only at new construction developments, but also at municipal facilities, schools, libraries, and parking lots.

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## **Resolution in support of H. 3115 "An Act Ensuring Equitable Representation In The Commonwealth"**

I was proud to sponsor and pass a resolution with Councilor Michelle Wu in support of a bill by State Representative Tackey Chan to ensure accurate and equitable data collection. This allows us to better understand the needs of different communities and make them more visible, especially at a time when there is a rise in hate crimes.

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## Hearings Recently Held

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### Hearing to discuss pest control and illegal dumping in the city of Boston

I was proud to hold a Council hearing with Councilor Liz Breadon and Councilor Lydia Edwards on the issue of pest control and illegal dumping. During the pandemic, our offices received increased reports of pest and rodent activity from neighbors, and other related quality of life issues. We spoke with officials from Public Works, Inspectional Services, and community advocates about these issues, and emphasized the importance of working with constituents to enforce fines on illegal dumping. We discussed the need to include rodent mitigation as part of the development process and talked about the need for education and outreach to residents on how to properly dispose of trash and prevent rodent activities.

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### Hearing on Preservation Restriction Agreement for Historic Property in Bay Village

I recently chaired a hearing on the confirmation of a preservation restriction agreement between a property in Bay Village and Historic New England. This is an agreement that outlines what the property can and cannot do in order to preserve its historic elements. This property was constructed in the 1840s, and this agreement will preserve its exterior, staircase, interior details, fireplace, and other features. This is a great way to preserve some of our city's historic properties, and the agreement was approved by the City Council.

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## In the Community

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Thank you again to my neighbors for placing your trust in me to continue serving as your Councilor. I'm honored and humbled to serve our diverse and wonderful city. I'll continue to work hard, advocate for my constituents, and be

accessible in the community. A big thank you to the many volunteers who assisted my re-election campaign as well. I'm very fortunate to have dedicated and loyal friends like all of you. I'm proud to represent each and every resident of District 2 on the Boston City Council.

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Thank you to the dedicated and professional Age Strong team for sponsoring an exciting Halloween Celebration at The Lawn On D. It was great to join Mayor Kim Janey, Councilor Michael Flaherty and seniors throughout Boston for lunch and even some dancing. Boston works best when we work together!

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It was great to join Southie neighbors and small business owners, Boston Police Captain Boyle and the C-6 team, their Bureau of engagement team, Councilor Michael Flaherty, State Representative David Biele, Senator Nick Collins, ONS Haley Dillon and Erin Murphy for "Coffee with a Cop" at Deja Brew. Let's continue working together!

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I was proud to join city officials for the dedication of the new firehouse in Roxbury recently. This will house the District 9 Chief, Engine 42, and Rescue 2. A special thank you to Boston Fire Department, Mayor Janey, Mayor Walsh, Fire Commissioner Dempsey, former Commissioner Joe Finn, Boston Firefighters Local 718 IAFF, Patrick Brophy and Representative Liz Malia.



I was honored to join colleagues in government for the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring Chinese-American Veterans of World War II. Even facing discrimination at home, these veterans fought for our democracy and freedom. Thank you Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Boston Vets,



Kristen and I attended the Kick Off for Kids Annual women's flag football tournament recently. Thank you to these outstanding women for their dedication to giving back to people in our communities.

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I had a pawtastic Halloween afternoon at Downtown Crossing recently. Kristen and I were two of the judges at the Downtown BID Halloween Dog Parade. All of the costumes (human and canine) were awesome. It was hard to pick the winners, but so great to see such community spirit in this neighborhood!

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I had a wonderful afternoon with Back Bay and South End residents for "St. Botolph-fest" at Titus Sparrow Park in October. Thank you Saint Botolph Neighborhood Association for bringing residents together for lunch, music and engaging conversation. It was great to join State Representative Jon Santiago, Councilor Michelle Wu, and Tania Anderson.

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Thank you to Liz Vizza from the Friends of the Public Garden for bringing together civic leaders and government officials for this important walk through. Let's continue working together to ensure the oldest public space in the country remains clean and safe for all to enjoy. Our parks bring us peace and tranquility!

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It was great to meet and talk with Suzanne Lee, Chinatown and South End residents at City Hall Plaza last week. I'm honored and proud to represent one of the most diverse districts on the Boston City Council. Boston works best when we work together!

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It was great to join Friends of Peters Park in the South End for their annual Fall Clean up recently. Thank you to the team from Pine Street Inn and Erin Murphy for volunteering. A special thank you to Boston Parks and Recreation Department for helping to coordinate the cleanup.

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Kristen and I visited Moakley Park to thank the Boston Harbor Now team for another park clean up and bulb planting. Thank you to the great volunteers who joined us from Boston University and Northeastern University, as well as our dedicated team from Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Each of you makes Boston a better city!

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I had the privilege to attend the “Fall Back Into Health” clinic at St. Anthony Shrine recently. Thank you to the African Community Health Initiatives for coordinating this critical outreach and working to eliminate health disparities experienced by Africans living in Massachusetts.

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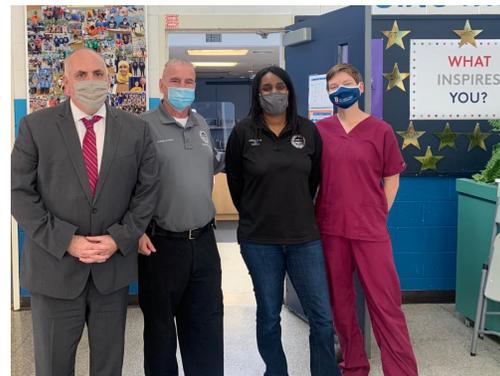
I was honored to attend the English for New Bostonians' Raising Our Voices reception at Northeastern University last week. We celebrated our

immigrant neighbors while supporting their educational, economic and civic aspirations through learning English. Thank you to emcee Nathalie Pozo.



In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, I was honored to recognize leaders in the Hispanic community for their contributions, including my constituent services coordinator, Ana Calderon, Mynor Perez from North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and Claudia Osorio from South Boston en Accion.

Thank you to our Animal Care and Control team for providing neighbors the opportunity to have their pets receive low cost vaccinations and licenses at BCYF Condon in October. I had the opportunity to visit the site and thank our dedicated city employees!



The Halloween Stroll on East Broadway last week was an exciting night for hundreds of South Boston families, including the Flynn family. Thank you South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, Boston Police C-6, Boston Transportation Department, South Boston Businesses, Moms Club of South Boston and residents for working together for a great family

event!



The Halloween Spirit was out in full force in the Bay Village for their Pumpkin Carving Contest. Thank you Bay Village Neighborhood Association for sponsoring last week's event. Kristen and I enjoyed attending and seeing so many families having a great time!



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