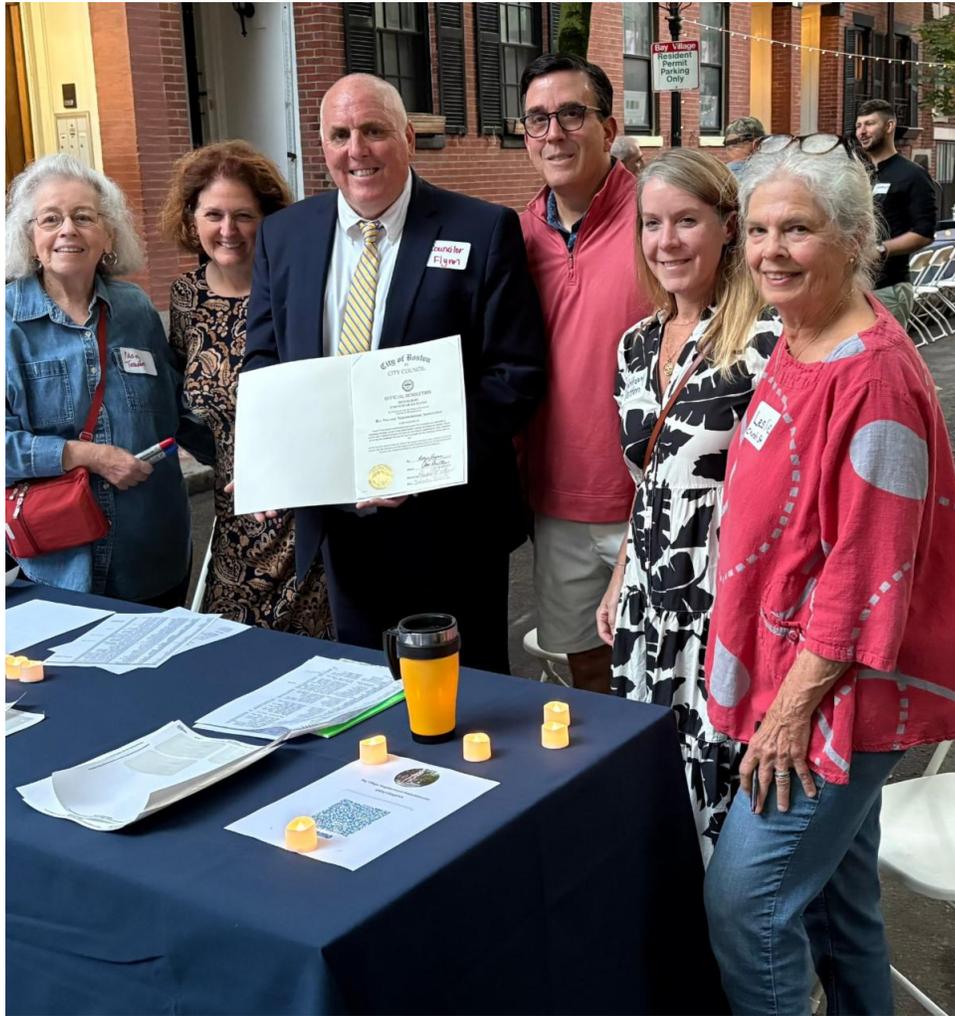


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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you have been enjoying this fall season with your friends, family, and neighbors. I would like to provide you with some updates regarding the work that I have focused on recently, upcoming meetings and information, and events in District 2. At the Council, I continue to focus on public safety and quality of life issues, such as the Mass & Cass crisis, mopeds and pedestrian safety, and background checks for all new city hires.

On the Mass & Cass, I filed several pieces of legislation, including a resolution to declare the area and impacted neighborhoods a public safety and public health emergency, and a humanitarian crisis. On September 4th, Councilor John FitzGerald and I held an on-site hearing in Roxbury where over 200 residents and businesses shared public testimony. Subsequently, I filed a resolution in opposition to safe injections sites in the City of Boston. Unfortunately, with the exception of my original co-sponsors Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy and Councilor Fitzgerald, my colleagues voted (8-3) against my proposal to ban safe injection sites in the city ([more at Boston.com here](#)).

However, the following week, I offered a resolution in support of prioritizing a recovery campus for the City of Boston and Greater Boston area, which was then supported unanimously by the Council (12-0). [You can read more at Caught in Southie here.](#)

On mopeds and pedestrian safety, following the tragic death of a person last month after a crash near Copley Square in August, I filed an ordinance that would effectively ban mopeds and e-bikes from third-party food delivery. Many residents are unaware that since 2022, the City of Boston has encouraged these large third-party food delivery companies to have drivers use two-wheel vehicles. At the same time, there have been news reports indicating that companies may have potentially incentivized workers to prioritize speed over safety, in order to get more assignments and higher ratings. In 2022, the city claimed it had encouraged use of two-wheel vehicles due to one lane of congestion on Boylston Street; however, just two years later in 2024, the city removed 2 lanes and 93 parking spaces for the Boylston Street Better Bus and Bike Lane Project - with the bus lane removed thereafter 9 months later. What once started on one street in Boston, the city has since effectively exported this pandemic model across the city.

No reasonable person believes that moped and e-bike food delivery has been an improvement for our existing pedestrian safety crisis. Drivers now go over 20mph through red lights and stop signs, or the wrong way nearly every day. The roads are now less safe for all, including the drivers themselves. The rules of the road simply cannot continue to be optional. It can no longer be the Wild West on the streets of Boston. I encourage you to write my Council colleagues and the City Administration in support of my ordinance, to be candid about the city's role, and to have the courage to stand up to large corporations and influence. Food delivery was different just a couple of years ago. It does not have to be this way. [You can read more at NBC Boston here.](#)

On public safety, after it was discovered in August that a Level 3 sex offender was on city payroll with the Boston Parks Department, I held a hearing with Councilor Murphy in September to discuss the impact of CORIs on access to employment and opportunities. As a former probation officer, I believe in second chances and have helped thousands of returning citizens to get on the right path to prevent recidivism; however, I called for a common sense approach and for the city to conduct background checks for all new hires to ensure this does not take place again. [You can read more in the Boston Globe Editorial Board here.](#)

Over the past month, I was honored to attend and support a wide range of events across Boston. From honoring our veterans at the monthly Veteran's Appreciation Lunch at St. Anthony Shrine, to celebrating culture at the Polish Harvest Festival, Greek Festival, and Asian American Day on Boston Common, it has been a joy to stand alongside so many residents, families, and community leaders. We marked significant milestones like the groundbreaking of Chinatown's new Boston Public Library branch and affordable housing units, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the state-of-the-art William E. Carter School. I also joined neighbors at neighborhood block parties, fall festivals, and events like the South Boston Street Festival and Night Market in Chinatown — all powerful reminders of what makes Boston such a vibrant city.

On Saturday, October 25th at 11:00am at Saunders Stadium and Moakley Park

in South Boston, we will join the Baker family and rededicate the soccer field within the stadium in honor of founder and longtime President of South Boston Youth Soccer, the late Billy Baker. Friends and neighbors are welcome to arrive at 10:30am. Last September, I passed a unanimous Boston City Council resolution to rename the soccer field in his honor ([more at Caught in Southie here](#)). With little fanfare, Billy Baker selflessly devoted much of his life to ensuring that all children in South Boston had the opportunity to participate in playing soccer. Billy's steadfast dedication and commitment to the people of South Boston allowed generations of his neighbors to be able to experience the joy of competing in youth sports, to be part of a team, and feel more connected to their neighbors and community. In short, Billy's vision also helped our youth develop and learn how to become good citizens and neighbors. When the people of South Boston think of youth soccer, they think of Billy Baker's service to our community. There is no one more deserving of having the soccer field within Saunders Stadium at Moakley Park named in their honor.

Please note tomorrow, Thursday, October 16th at 10:00am in the Iannella Chamber, I will be holding an in-person hearing to discuss conditions at BHA. The hearing will also address public safety concerns of aging and broken elevators in the apartment complex. On Friday, October 17 at 10:00am in the Iannella Chamber, I will be holding an in-person hearing to discuss retail theft and the impact on small businesses and residents in the City of Boston. Interested neighbors who would like to attend either hearing in-person, or to testify virtually via zoom, are invited to please reach out to Central Staff Liaison Shane Pac at [shane.pac@boston.gov](mailto:shane.pac@boston.gov). If you would like to also provide written testimony, you can email the committee at [ccc.ep@boston.gov](mailto:ccc.ep@boston.gov) or email [ed.flynn@boston.gov](mailto:ed.flynn@boston.gov).

I have included many upcoming meetings, deadlines, employment and income-restricted homeownership opportunities below. Please follow the links for more information, and continue to contact my office on any public safety and quality of life issues at [ed.flynn@boston.gov](mailto:ed.flynn@boston.gov) and 617-635-3203.

Thank you,  
Ed

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## City and District Updates

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### **Upcoming BPDA Meetings:**

#### **[460 West Broadway Public Meeting](#)**

October 14, 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

#### **[95 Berkeley St Public Meeting](#)**

October 15, 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

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### **Abutters Meetings:**

#### **[South Boston: 101 P Street](#)**

October 15, 2025 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm

[South Boston: 774 E Broadway](#)

October 16, 2025 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

[South Boston: 921R-923R E Fourth Street](#)

October 20, 2025 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

[South Boston: 401 W Broadway](#)

October 20, 2025 | 7:00pm-8:00pm

[South Boston: 634 Dorchester Avenue](#)

October 22, 2025 | 6:00pm-8:00pm

[South Boston: 748-750 E Broadway](#)

October 23, 2025 | 7:00pm-8:00pm

[South Boston: 744 E Fourth Street](#)

October 27, 2025 | 7:00pm-8:00pm

[South Boston: 176 L Street Abutters](#)

October 29, 2025 | 6:00pm-7:00pm

[South Boston: 155 Seaport Boulevard](#)

October 30, 2025 | 6:00pm-7:00pm

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## Grants and Resources

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[Nominate a Legacy Business Today!](#)

Nominate your favorite long standing business in Boston! The City of Boston's Office of Small Businesses is now accepting nominations for the fourth annual Legacy Business Awards. Businesses must have been in Boston for at least 10 years to be eligible. **Deadline to nominate is Friday, October 31st at 5:00pm.**

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[Boston Cultural Council Organizational Grant](#)

The Boston Cultural Council Organization is now taking Applications! This grant provides small and mid-sized organizations up to \$10,000. **The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 16 at 5:00pm.**

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[Opportunity Fund](#)

Boston-based artists and cultural workers can apply to receive a grant of \$3,000 from The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture for community based art experiences across Boston's neighborhoods. **Apply by Thursday, October 16 at 5:00pm.**

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[Boston Public Schools Resources](#)

BPS Helpline

- Call 617-635-8873 | Email [helpline@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:helpline@bostonpublicschools.org)

The Department of Transportation can assist you with transportation related

questions or other support

- Enter a ticket via the Transportation
  - Support Portal
  - Call (617) 635-9520 | Email [schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:schoolbus@bostonpublicschools.org)
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### **Metrolist**

Affordable housing remains one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston, and a top concern for many working families. Please follow this link to get updates from Metrolist, which provides the most recent affordable housing lotteries and listings. <https://www.boston.gov/metrolist>

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## **Events in the City**

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### **Scam: Don't Be The Next Victim**

**October 16 | 12:00pm | 87 Tyler Street**

AACA is hosting an info session on scamming. Scams are happening every day, everywhere — through phone calls, letters, emails, and even in person.

Scammers have stolen millions from innocent victims. Lunch will be provided.

Find Zoom option below:

Meeting ID: 987 4035 3380

Passcode: fV2ruj

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### **Moakley Clean Up**

**October 25 | 9:30am - 11:30 am | Moakley Park Picnic Area**

Boston Harbor Now, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Boston Cares are hosting a community volunteer day at Moakley Park. Give back to your community and enjoy the city's biggest waterfront park.

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### **Dedication of Billy Baker Field**

**October 25 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Saunders Stadium**

Join friends and neighbors at Moakley Park at 10:30am next Saturday to gather for the dedication of Billy Baker Field at 11:00am. There is no one more deserving of recognition!

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## **Upcoming Council Hearings**

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### **Hearing regarding the status of the Ruth Barkley BHA apartments and the HUD report on BHA**

On Thursday October 16, at 10:00am I am holding a hearing to discuss conditions at BHA. In February, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General released a report on the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and found that BHA “did not consistently maintain its program units and buildings public housing program units in

decent, safe, and sanitary condition and in good repair,” and “did not consistently perform its annual self inspections and correct identified deficiencies in a timely manner.” The hearing will also address public safety concerns of aging and broken elevators in the apartment complex. Interested neighbors who would like to attend the hearing in-person, or to testify virtually via Zoom, are invited to please reach out to [shane.pac@boston.gov](mailto:shane.pac@boston.gov). If you would like to also provide written testimony, you can email the committee at [ccc.housing@boston.gov](mailto:ccc.housing@boston.gov) or email [ed.flynn@boston.gov](mailto:ed.flynn@boston.gov). Neighbors are also invited to watch the livestream of the hearing at the following link: [www.boston.gov/city-council-tv](http://www.boston.gov/city-council-tv).

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### **Hearing to discuss the impact of retail theft on residents and small businesses in the City of Boston**

This Friday, October 17, at 10:00am I am holding a hearing to discuss retail theft and the impact on small businesses and residents in the City of Boston. Retail theft impacts not only our small businesses due to the loss of merchandise, but it also incentivizes raising prices for consumers on goods to compensate for lost revenue, and impacts the quality of life with household items locked and requiring staff assistance. Interested neighbors who would like to attend the hearing in-person, or to testify virtually via Zoom, are invited to please reach out to [shane.pac@boston.gov](mailto:shane.pac@boston.gov). If you would like to also provide written testimony, you can email the committee at [ccc.smallbiz@boston.gov](mailto:ccc.smallbiz@boston.gov). or email [ed.flynn@boston.gov](mailto:ed.flynn@boston.gov). Neighbors are also invited to watch the livestream of the hearing at the following link: [www.boston.gov/city-council-tv](http://www.boston.gov/city-council-tv).

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## **Council Hearings Recently Held**

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### **Resolution to declare Mass & Cass and Impacted Neighborhoods a Public Safety and Public Health Emergency and a Humanitarian Crisis.**

On September 4th, Councilor FitzGerald and I held a hearing to discuss my Resolution declaring Mass & Cass and Impacted Neighborhoods a Public Safety and Public Health Emergency and a Humanitarian Crisis at the Hampton Inn in the South End. Since the closure of the city’s Long Island recovery campus in the fall of 2014, hundreds of people have been in the area every day, engaging in open-air drug dealing, drug use, human trafficking, shoplifting and violent crimes throughout the neighborhoods of South End, Nubian Square, Roxbury, Dorchester, South Boston, Downtown Boston and the Back Bay. The neighborhoods around Mass & Cass continue to bear the brunt of a humanitarian crisis, and it is impacting the public safety and quality of life for residents and businesses. I continue to advocate for zero tolerance when it comes to making arrests for public drug dealing and public drug use, human trafficking, crime and assaults. On public health, it is appropriate to shift to a treatment-first approach. It is long past time to put wish lists and other pursuits aside, and make a recovery campus a top priority for the City of Boston.

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### **Order for a hearing to discuss the inclusion and status of financial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.**

On Thursday, September 25th, I held a hearing to discuss the inclusion and status of financial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools. The hearing discussed the importance of having students learn about finance in high school to help prepare them for balancing the responsibilities of everyday life, and planning for their future post-graduation. The hearing included panelists from the Boston Public Schools such as Development Officer for Strategy, Partnership, and Innovation, Anne Roger Clark, Executive Director of Post-Secondary Initiatives, Marsha Inniss-Mitchell, and Chief of Teaching and Learning, Angela E. Hedley-Mitchell. I also invited industry experts, including the Executive Director of Early Investors, Nislo Galvao, and Managing Partner of City Real Estate Development, Stephen Whalen. Councilors asked if there was a way to facilitate a requirement on educating every student on financial literacy. Chief of Teaching and Learning, Boston Public Schools, Angela E. Hedley-Mitchell noted, The DESI's High School Graduation Council is looking at creating seals, or certification, for financial literacy, as well as civics. Financial literacy is not one of the approved courses under Masscore graduation requirements, but the State Graduation Council is looking to adopt a certification process.

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**Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of CORIs on access to employment and opportunities & Hearing to discuss immediate reforms to background checks, sex-offender screening, and ongoing stability reviews for City of Boston hiring and employment.**

On Monday, September 22, I held a hearing to discuss the impact of CORIs on access to employment and opportunities, effectiveness of existing CORI reforms, and how we can further expand opportunities for people with CORI. At the same time, it was discovered last month that a level-3 sex offender was on the payroll for the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department. It is critical to find a balance between expanding employment access to returning citizens and keeping the public safety for the residents of Boston a top priority. The hearing included Chief People Officer, Alex Lawrence, Chief of Human Services, José Massó and Senior Advisor for Labor, Lou Mandirini. I also invited industry experts, including the Executive Director of Project Place, Aaryn Manning, Community Liaison and Paralegal of Racial Equity in Corrections Initiative, Mac Hudson, and Chairman of the Board of Boston Project Rebound, Matteo Filippi. On the emergency hearing order to discuss city hiring practices, I raised the question of whether or not a CORI screening was conducted during the hiring process of the level-3 sex offender, which was ultimately not answered by the Administration. Ultimately, background checks are conducted based on the job description. If an applicant is going to work with “vulnerable populations”, then a background check is completed.

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**Emergency order for a hearing to discuss the impact of the ongoing government shutdown on Boston's veterans, military members, and military families.**

On October 9th, I held a hearing to discuss the impact of the ongoing government shutdown on Boston's veterans, military members, and military families. On October 1st, the federal government officially entered a shutdown. On October 9th, I held an emergency hearing order to discuss its impact on Boston's veterans, military members, and military families. It is uncertain which veterans benefits are impacted by a government shutdown at this time.

Pay for military members could be halted during the shutdown, and agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Labor can be affected, possibly delaying needed benefits for our veterans and military families. Veterans and military families have proudly served our country and earned their benefits from our city, state, and federal governments. It is critical that our veterans, military members, and military families are guaranteed services on time, and that they have clarity and information on the impact of the ongoing government shutdown.

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### **Order for a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage.**

On Tuesday, September 23, I held a hearing to discuss ways to ensure operations of the 911 system and contingency plans in case of a 911 system outage. Last June, the statewide 911 system faced an outage for about two hours, preventing residents in the state from calling 911 in case of an emergency. The outage was attributed to a firewall malfunction in the state's Next Generation 911 system – a system based on internet protocols that are designed to be decentralized and resilient. Despite this intended decentralization, the firewall issue caused a complete shutdown, raising concerns about system-wide vulnerability and the lack of effective contingency communication to the public. The hearing included Chief of Emergency Management Services, James Hooley, Deputy Superintendent and Technology Services Division Commander with the Bureau of Administration and Technology with the Boston Police Department, Chris Walsh, Director operations division with 911 Boston Police Department, Christopher Markunas, Deputy Chief of Boston Fire Department, Christopher Burke, Deputy Superintendent with EMS, Robert Barnes, President of the EMS Union, Jason Judkins. I raised questions addressing what plans are in place to try and prevent a systemwide outage from ever happening again and each department's contingencies plans are in place as a precaution if there are ever additional issues with the 911 system. It is critical that we educate and inform residents of ways to contact their public safety departments in case they cannot dial 911 for an emergency.

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### **Order for a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Police Crime Laboratory.**

On Monday, September 15, I held a hearing to discuss resources for the Boston Crime Lab. Last year, it was reported that the Boston Crime Lab was severely lagging behind on the testing of sexual assault kits within a state-mandated testing timeline of 30 days. The hearing included Boston Police Deputy Superintendent Victor Evans, Director of Quality Insurance with Boston Police Forensic Laboratory, Kevin Rad. In 2024, at a hearing to discuss resources for the Crime Lab sponsored by myself, it was reported that the delays were attributed to understaffing and a lack of stable leadership. The Boston City Council subsequently voted to approve an amendment for a \$1 million funding reallocation within the Boston Police Department, including \$700,000 to increase the hiring of lab technicians and to fill the director vacancy, and \$300,000 to purchase new sexual assault testing equipment with upgraded DNA testing capacities, such as Y-Screening. I also raised concerns about the lack of a Crime Lab Director as well as staff storages. It is critical that we work to ensure Boston is in compliance with the state mandated testing timeline of

30 days for sexual assault kits and to utilize the most advanced technology and testing.

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### **Order for a hearing to discuss accessibility in Boston City Hall.**

On Thursday, September 11th, I held a hearing to discuss accessibility at Boston City Hall. The hearing included The Commissioner of Property Management, Eamon Shelton, Commissioner of Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Kristen McCosh, Director of Design, Office of Historic Preservation, Joseph Cornish, Deputy Director of Office of History Preservation, Elizabeth Sherbert and Disabilities Advocate, Bill Taube. I raised concerns about the accessibility within city hall and ways to improve City Hall's accessibility. Boston City Hall is a public space and a place of civic engagement, where members of the public can gather for meetings, participate in discussions, and events, though accessibility issues for our seniors and persons with disabilities remain. It is critical to review the building and make the necessary infrastructure improvements to ensure that all neighbors can fully access all floors, departments, and meeting rooms.

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## **Legislation Recently Filed**

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### **Resolution in opposition to safe injection sites in the City of Boston.**

On September 15th, the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery held a hearing to discuss Bill S1393 "An Act Relative to Preventing Overdose Deaths and Increasing Access to Treatment", which would effectively promote the use of safe injection sites (SIFs) in the City of Boston and the Commonwealth. Prior to that on September 4th, I had sponsored a City Council hearing on-site at the Hampton Inn where approximately 200 constituents shared their lived experiences on public safety, public health, and quality of life issues due to the Mass & Cass crisis. Many residents and small businesses in the area, and impacted communities nearby, have emphasized that the answer to this crisis is not incentivizing safe injection, but prioritizing a recovery and treatment-first approach to break the cycle of addiction. Neighbors continue to express frustration and calls for help on the increasingly alarming public safety and quality of life issues that have gone well beyond the already unacceptable public drug dealing, public drug use, and needles throughout the city- including individuals breaking into a family's homes, cars, and trespassing in backyards.

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### **Resolution in support of prioritizing a recovery campus for the City of Boston and Greater Boston area.**

Myself, Councilor Murphy, and Councilor FitzGerald passed a unanimous resolution supporting the creation of a recovery campus for the City of Boston and Greater Boston area. The measure came after their resolution last week opposing safe injection sites, which only had support from the three co-sponsors. Unlike that effort, today's City Council meeting saw unanimous support for prioritizing a treatment-first recovery approach. Still, the proposed rebuilding of the Long Island Bridge and recovery campus faces major hurdles, including protracted legal battles, delays that could last years or decades, and costs now estimated above \$1 billion.

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### **Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 17-22 Road safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.**

In mid-September, I filed an amended ordinance to effectively ban mopeds and e-bikes from third-party food delivery services. Since 2022, the City of Boston encouraged large third-party food delivery companies to have drivers use two-wheel vehicles, while the companies also incentivized workers to prioritize speed over safety to get more assignments and higher ratings. The result has been a significantly worsened pedestrian safety crisis, with mopeds and e-bikes going over 20 mph through red lights and stop signs nearly every day. No reasonable person believes the rules of the road can continue to be optional. It can no longer be the Wild West on the streets of Boston.

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### **Resolution recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Boston.**

October 1st marked the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The issues of domestic violence and sexual assault remain prevalent in our society including in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston. In 2023, a report by Jane Doe Inc documented that there were 19 domestic violence homicides in Massachusetts. In the 2024 Boston Police Crime Statistics Report, there were 903 incidents of domestic aggravated assault, up by 43 incidents compared to 2023. According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control in 2019, 33.9% of women and 31.7% of men in Massachusetts experience physical violence, sexual violence, and stalking by their intimate partners in their lifetimes. The issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault are underreported especially by immigrants, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and those who may be hesitant to contact law enforcement. In the month of October, it is critical we continue to work to break the stigma and remind survivors that they are not alone.

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### **Order for a hearing to discuss appropriate uses of Boston 311 and 9-1-1 emergency.**

With deteriorating conditions at Mass and Cass, the opioid crisis continuing to impact neighborhoods across the city, and other various quality of life issues in our communities, such as noise disturbances at all hours - residents have called attention to the oftentimes blurred line of when it is appropriate to contact Boston 311 and when to call 9-1-1, traditionally reserved for emergencies.

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### **Resolution in support for an independent investigation into the city's July 4th payroll failure to determine if state or federal employment laws were broken.**

Independence Day is one of the most anticipated holidays of the year, an opportunity to make vacation plans, and spend time with neighbors, friends, and family. This year, however, many city employees did not receive their paycheck via direct deposit due to the failure of the city payroll. The Boston City Council Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology held an informative hearing with city administration officials on August 14th, 2025. At this hearing, City Councilors asked administration officials testifying if any state or federal employment laws were broken. It is therefore wholly

appropriate to conduct an independent investigation to determine whether the City of Boston inadvertently broke state or federal employment laws. An investigation may also provide the opportunity for recommendations to the City of Boston to prevent similar incidents from occurring again.

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### **Order for a hearing an investigation into the breakdown of the Boston Police Department's main radio channel.**

In mid-August, four people were shot at the Boston Dominican Festival. Boston Police worked to disperse the crowd as quickly as possible and victims were rushed to nearby hospitals. The department's radio communication channel was reportedly down and remained inoperable for a period of time. Earlier that month, the Boston Police Department announced they would move from an analog radio system to a digital encrypted system, meaning police transmissions would no longer be available through the traditional radio equipment. Since August 9th, Boston Police has released a time-delayed online feed for residents to watch and listen to. Neighbors have highlighted concerns relating to the reliability of the Boston Police Department's radio system, citing public safety risks for officers and the residents of Boston who are in emergency situations. It is critical that there is also effective communications between departments in the event of an emergency.

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## **In the Community**

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It was wonderful to join fellow veterans for the monthly Veteran's Appreciation Lunch sponsored by St. Anthony Shrine in Downtown Boston. As a nation, let's always honor our commitment to veterans and our military families.

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Thank you to the Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association for sponsoring Walk In The Park Night with the Boston Police Department. It was a great opportunity for South End residents to meet and talk with police officers about public safety challenges in the neighborhood. As one of the city councilors that represents the South End, I will continue to advocate for more police officers and city services for the neighborhood.

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Proud to join Boston's Vietnamese community for the opening ceremony of Journey of Light: A 1975 Memory Field. This is a temporary public art project honoring the Vietnamese refugee diaspora and commemorating 50 years since the first wave of Vietnamese refugees arrived in Boston.

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I enjoyed attending the Fall Fest at Hayes Park in the South End! This park is such a wonderful example of neighbors coming together and working collaboratively with the city to care for their park and cherished community green space. Honored to join the Friends of Hayes Park, the Hayes Family and so many other families and residents throughout the South End and Roxbury!

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It was wonderful to attend the South End Brunch Club at Tent City. The event is in memory of the life and leadership of Rep. Mel King and his extraordinary contributions and leadership in Boston. It was my great honor to thank Mrs. Joyce King for her lifetime of leadership as well.

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It was wonderful to attend the 12th Annual Back to School Book Fair sponsored by the Boston Teachers Union and Massachusetts American Federation of Teachers and First Book. Thank you to the volunteers who organized thousands of books in preparation for this book fair that is attended by thousands of Boston Public School Families. Reading together as a family supports literacy, language, and parent-child bonds.

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Wonderful to visit with South Boston neighbors for the Colin Joy Project Run and Walk. We especially enjoyed seeing so many young families on a beautiful Saturday morning with their friends and family. Thank you to Colin's Joy Project for your continued dedication to create safe spaces for the children of Boston to enjoy and enhance the community. Your devotion to making joy for the families in our community and across the City of Boston has made a deep and meaningful impact. And most importantly, thank you for inviting all of us to share in Colin's legacy. Your mission to enhance our play spaces and funding family programming in South Boston has made our City a better place for all of us.

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It was a beautiful day for the 25th Annual South Boston Street Festival on East Broadway. It was great to join my family, our South Boston neighbors, South Boston businesses and colleagues in government. Thank you to the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation for organizing this annual event.



It was wonderful to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new William E. Carter School with school staff, families and colleagues in government. This is a \$111.4 million investment supported by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. A special thank you to the MSBA team and to MA State Treasurer Deb Goldberg. The school now increased enrollment from 25 to 60 students, with early childhood programs and a state-of-the-art learning environment for students with significant cognitive disabilities and complex medical needs. For 8 years on the Boston City Council, I worked closely with city officials to make this dream a reality! This is an historic milestone. Thank you to the students, families, staff, and partners who helped make this inclusive and welcoming school a reality.

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I was honored to join colleagues in government, community partners and Chinatown residents that I have been honored work with for 8 years for this historic ground breaking ceremony for Chinatown's new Boston Public Library branch and 110 new units of affordable housing.

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It was wonderful to join Senator Nick Collins and Boston residents for the 4th annual Night Market sponsored by the Chinatown Business Association! We enjoyed an exciting evening filled with delicious food, fun games and excellent music. Thank you to the Chinatown Business Association for bringing us together to celebrate Chinese culture and heritage and to support Asian owned businesses. A special thank you to the men and women of the Boston Police Department for supporting this event and the neighborhood throughout the year.

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I was honored to visit Valentine House in Roxbury. This residential program helps to address abuse, violence, addiction, and mental health. It also provides access to education, job skills, work, and life skills.

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Kristen and I enjoyed attending the Bay Village Neighborhood Association Annual Block Party! It is truly my honor to represent this wonderful and historic neighborhood. Boston works best when we work together!

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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).



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