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Dear Neighbor,

Now that we are in February and my first month as City Councilor has come to an end, I wanted to take a moment to discuss the work my office has accomplished. I have been busy attending neighborhood meetings and gathering with residents across the district. I am proud to serve as your City Councilor and will continue to work hard to make sure all residents have a voice, are treated with respect & dignity, and have proper access to City Services.

I am excited to announce that I will Chair the City, Neighborhood Services, and Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. This Committee works to ensure Boston residents have access to efficient City Services. I am excited to serve the residents of Boston in this role as this is an issue that I ran on. Constituent service is something I have focused on since I was a boy helping my father answer neighborhood phone calls. **I am also proud to serve as Vice Chair for the Committee on Civil Rights.** This Committee focuses on giving Boston residents equal access to education, housing, employment, and works to prevent discrimination. I am eager to work with Councilor Zakim and confident that our efforts will reflect my belief in respect and dignity for all. [Read more about Committee assignments here.](#)



I was honored to give my first speech in front of the City Council this week. On Wednesday, I joined my fellow Councilors in support of the striking workers at Logan Airport. I spoke of the need to stand in solidarity with working people seeking the right to organize and collectively bargain for fair and living wages. I also paid homage to our community activists, labor leaders, and our dedicated public employees & first responders. You can view the speech in its entirety above!

I spoke of the need for strong regulations regarding AirBnB/short term rental platforms. On Tuesday, February 13th, the City Council will host hearings on AirBnB. Mayor Walsh has shown strong leadership in addressing an issue that affects the rental market, quality of life, and public safety of neighborhoods throughout the city. [You can read my most recent statement regarding AirBnB here.](#)



Last week my staff and I held our first office hours in the South End Library. I enjoyed speaking with South End residents regarding our parks, public safety, development and improvements to the library.

My office will be hosting additional office hours in South Boston at the Curley Recreation Center (1663 Columbia Rd, Boston, MA 02127) on Saturday, February 24th from 11 AM - 1 PM. I will also be hosting South Boston office hours on Friday, February 16th at Cranberry Cafe (704 East Broadway) 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM and on Saturday, February 24th from 11 AM - 1 PM at the Curley Community Center (1663 Columbia Road)



Recently, I was proud to join St. Francis House, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Mayor Marty Walsh, Governor Charlie Baker, and others at the groundbreaking of 46 affordable units at 48 Boylston Street. This important project will bring much-needed affordable units to the heart of Boston and include services for those that have experienced homelessness and have modest incomes. I will continue to work with state and local officials to ensure Boston is committed to affordable housing.



I stand with the Haitian people and those in danger of losing their Temporary Protected Status. While attending *Art for Change*, an event that featured art from Haiti and a performance of the production “For Colored Girls”, I spoke about the devastation I witnessed while helping to coordinate relief efforts following the 2010 Haiti earthquake. I expressed my belief that the decision to end Temporary Protected Status for earthquake victims and other vulnerable groups throughout the world will inflict tremendous strain on thousands of children and families. The people of Haiti have contributed a great deal to the City of Boston and the United States. They are our neighbors, our friends, our classmates, our co-workers, and our family.

I am incredibly proud of the South Boston Youth Hockey Mite A’s, Squirt AAA’s and Bantam AA’s for their success in the Mayor’s Cup tournament. I was happy to present City Council proclamations from myself and Councilor Michael Flaherty to the Bantam AA’s and Squirt AAA’s. I will visit the Mite A’s soon!



I will continue to work for all residents of District 2. I look forward to continuing to work with neighborhood and civic groups from across the District. If I can be of any assistance please call my office at (617) 635-3203 or email me at Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.

Thank you!

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