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Dear Neighbors,

As the end of the year approaches, I'd like to give you an update on the issues my staff & I worked on this year. My priorities as the District 2 City Councilor have been to advocate for our working families, our seniors, persons with disabilities, our immigrant communities and the most vulnerable. In the second year as the Chair of the Committee on City, Neighborhood Services and Veterans & Military Affairs, I also continue to focus on issues and services that impact our residents' daily lives, such as affordable housing, pedestrian safety and public health.

I'm thankful for the support of the residents of District 2. It is a great honor to represent this diverse district, and I will continue to work hard everyday to ensure that the residents of Boston have access to the resources and opportunities that our city offers. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season, and a great year ahead in 2020!

Below are the highlights of my work this year, along with a number of wonderful events I was fortunate to attend this holiday season:

Housing and Development

- Called for & held a hearing on the implementation of the Short Term Rentals Ordinance
- Called for & held a hearing on strengthening the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and increasing affordable housing
- Called for hearing on ways to support tenants facing eviction & displacement in Boston
- Opposed development projects that are unfavorable to neighbors, residents & civic groups at the Zoning Board of Appeals

Social & Economic Justice

- Called for & held a hearing on the impact of the partial government shutdown on veterans & military families
- Called for & held a hearing on services for persons with disabilities and ensuring accessibility in our buildings, sidewalks, and public spaces.
- Passed two resolutions on state bills that would help improve accessibility in housing & expand job opportunities for persons with disabilities
- Passed a resolution opposing the recent rule change to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
- Stood with the working families of United Steelworkers (National Grid), Unite Here Local 26 (Marriott, Battery Wharf) & UFCW 1445 (Macy's, Stop & Shop) as they sought fair wages, safe working conditions, affordable healthcare & a secure retirement.
- Advocated for expansion of language access all city departments

Traffic and Public Safety

- Called for & held hearing on Transportation Network Companies (Uber/Lyft)
- Called for & held a hearing on pedestrian crossing signals & traffic calming
- Called for a hearing on methane gas leaks in Boston
- Called for & held a working session on stray voltage harmful to residents & pets
- Called for a hearing on construction safety to discuss the existing safety procedures

Public Health

- Called for & held a hearing on domestic violence & sexual assault
- Held a hearing on public health disparities in communities of color

Quality of Life

- Called for a hearing on after hours construction,
- Called for a hearing on City services and public facilities on South Boston Waterfront

Other Actions

- Passed a resolution to support a state bill requiring curriculum unit on the Holocaust & genocide
- Passed a resolution recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans &

Pacific Islanders during AAPI Month in May

- Passed a resolution supporting children born abroad to military members and federal workers
 - Held neighborhood coffee hours and community meetings with the Transportation Department, Department of Neighborhood Development, Boston Police Department, and the Office of Community Preservation
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Community Events

It was an honor to attend the American Legion Boston Chinatown Post 328's Annual Toy Drive for children in the neighborhood. Thank you to the Leather District neighborhood for supporting this event as well.



We had a fun night with residents of Villa Victoria for their Annual Tree Lighting ceremony. It was great to join Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, Captain Steven Sweeney from Boston Police's D-2 Station, and residents from Villa Victoria for hot chocolate and caroling.

It was an honor to join members of the Martin McDonough American Legion Post for the Hero Square rededication. I was proud to also join Mayor Walsh, Rep. David Biele, South Boston Veterans, and members of the McDonough family in remembering Martin and the supreme

sacrifice he made for our country during WWII.



It was wonderful to see so many Southie families for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Medal of Honor Park. It was great to join my family, South Boston neighbors, Mayor Walsh, Rep. Biele, Sen. Colli Fire Department Chief Joe Finn, Commissioner Gross for this wonderful event with our families and children.

It was also great to see so many families at the annual lighting of the Christmas tree at the South Boston Library. Thanks to the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, the South Boston Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this fun event with Santa, hot chocolate, and

caroling.



My family & I were honored to join South End residents for the “Caroling in the Park” at James Hayes Park. Thank you to the Friends of Hayes Park & the Hayes family for your exceptional dedication to this beautiful park. Song books, hot cider, cookies, good cheer & friends!

It was great to attend the Boston Public Schools’ showcase of schools at Boston Latin Academy. Enjoyed listening, talking with teachers, principals, parents & students about all the BPS schools & their unique offerings, specialized programs. Let’s continue to work together

for every BPS student.



Thank you to the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for sponsoring the Annual Christmas Party for residents of Tai Tung Village. Everyone had a great time and the children enjoyed receiving a present from Santa. I am proud to represent this diverse neighborhood & District 2.

We had a fun time at the Annual Christmas Party for the South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults. Thank you to the tremendous commitment of the volunteers of this exceptional group. What I love most about South Boston is the outstanding support and dedication to those in need.



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