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Dear Friends,

As we are well into budget season, I would like to provide you with an update regarding some of the priorities I have advocated for at budget hearings, as well as some of the work my staff and I have focused on at the Boston City Council so far this year.

I continue to work hard every day on the issues that matter most to the people of District 2 - housing and development, public safety and Vision Zero, mental and behavioral health, social and economic justice for our working families, constituent service for our residents, and securing funding in the city budget. I have made it a top priority to bring city services to each of our neighborhoods and address quality of life issues. Please continue to contact my office with any neighborhood issues at ed.flynn@boston.gov or 617-635-3203.



Memorial Day Weekend

On a solemn Memorial Day weekend, we remembered and honored those that paid the supreme sacrifice for our nation and recommitted ourselves to ensure all veterans and military families are treated with dignity. It was an honor to be with the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association in the South End and the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 in South Boston.

Thank you also to the American Legion Boston Chinatown Post 328 and Boston Veterans Services for coordinating the dedication of a Heroes Square in honor of Private 1st Class George Oi, U.S. Army last week. Born in Boston and raised in Chinatown, Oi paid the supreme sacrifice for our country during World War II.

It was also an honor to join Governor Charlie Baker, Joe Zinck, Boston City Councilor Frank Baker, Tom Tinlin, Commissioner Rob Santiago of Boston Veterans Services & Secretary Urena of Veterans Services, and Dorchester Veterans over the weekend at the Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Over the weekend on Deer Island, we also joined Mayor Walsh as we honored and prayed for the Irish who fled the An Gorta Mor - the Great Famine. Arriving on our shores, we will always remember the hunger, sickness, and death of our immigrants. This memorial will ensure we never forget our past and recommit ourselves to the dignity of all.







Vision Zero & Pedestrian Safety Update

Last year, Councilor Frank Baker and I held a hearing with the Boston Transportation Dept. and public safety advocates regarding the merit of 20 mph zones and other traffic calming measures in our neighborhoods. Mayor Walsh has recently announced his intentions for the city to move to a 20 mph speed limit in our neighborhoods. Thank you to Mayor Walsh for your leadership on this issue. I believe that a combination of lower speed limit zones in our neighborhoods, enforcement, and infrastructure improvements will calm traffic, reduce the chances of serious crashes, and help us realize Vision Zero for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists in the City of Boston. [You can read more in the Boston Globe here.](#)



City Budget - Ways & Means Hearings

- Boston Fire Department- advocated for funding for the construction of a new Engine 3 in South End a BFD house on the South Boston Waterfront, and especially the health and wellness of firefighters Firefighters Local

- Boston Planning & Development Agency- advocated for basic city services on the South Boston Waterfront based on our growing population and workforce in the neighborhood; including stations for the Boston Police Dept., Boston Fire Dept., Boston EMS and a Boston Public Library.
- Boston Public Health Commission- we discussed Asian American public health. Council President Andrea Campbell and I also highlighted the issue of domestic violence and sexual assault as we will hold an upcoming hearing. I also advocated for additional funding to expand outreach and services for the BPHC, including treatment, prevention, and education on HIV, tuberculosis, Hepatitis, and other diseases.
- Boston Police Department- discussed Vision Zero with Commissioner Gross regarding the safety of all on our roads, on L St in South Boston and elsewhere. We also discussed the Community Engagement Division and their continued efforts to work closely with civic groups, our residents and youth, including throughout the Boston Housing Authority, to strengthen relations, build trust, and improve safety for all.
- Boston Parks & Recreation Department- we discussed Moakley Park in South Boston (programs & youth sports), Fort Point Channel Park, Medal of Honor Park and the M St Park ball fields and tot lot. The Parks Dept informed me they would look to expedite much-needed repairs to the M St Park basketball courts. We also discussed Watson, Peters, and Crite parks in the South End, along with the Boston Common Master Plan.
- Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) - we discussed the \$15 million Capital Plan for the Curley Community Center (the L St Bathhouse). The "L" is a jewel that so many people in South Boston and the City of Boston rely upon for physical fitness activities and programs. Topics included renovations and upgrades to the facility, the possibility of a new design and layout, coastal resiliency and sustainability, a teen center, technology upgrades, programming, accessibility for our seniors and persons with disabilities, pedestrian safety, as well as scheduling a community meeting. We also discussed lifeguards, air conditioning upgrades & coordination between BCYF and BPS. I advocated for increased after school programming at the Condon and Tynan in Southie, upgrades to the gym at Josiah Quincy Elementary in Chinatown, and aquatics at the Blackstone Elementary School in the South End.
- Boston Transportation Department- I discussed Vision Zero and the need for a raised intersection at L & 6th Street, stop signs on L St, rapid flash beacons to assist pedestrians on East Broadway at the Stop & Shop & Walgreen's crosswalk and at F St & West Broadway by the South Boston Community Health Center. I emphasized the need for a crosswalk and traffic-calming measures outside of the Courthouse on East Broadway in Southie. I also advocated for a Safe Routes to School Coordinator to work with both BTM & BPS, as well as a data analyst position at the BPD.
- Inspectional Services Department-we discussed staffing levels regarding the regulation of Short Term Rentals like Airbnb, as well as inspectors to respond to after hours construction. I also emphasized the need for

suitable rodent control at job sites.

- Public works Department- I stressed concerns I've heard from the Andrew Square Civic Association, other civic groups, and our residents regarding ADA compliant intersections, that some are underwater and frozen during the winter. I also advocated for a year-round hokey to clean the area and talked about the need more trash, recycling, and compost containers in high traffic areas like East Broadway, West Broadway, Old Colony Ave, Preble St, Dorchester St, and D St.

City Council Actions/Legislation

Working Session on Impact of Partial Federal Government Shutdown & Veterans Services

Although the partial shutdown had since ended, my Committee on City, Neighborhood Services, Veterans & Military Affairs took the opportunity to hold a working session recently so that we could meet with agencies and veterans regarding strategies, logistics, and resources available to prepare in the event of another shutdown.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS



CITY OF BOSTON

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON BOSTON VETERANS' SERVICES AND CHALLENGES FACING VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS: The partial Federal Government shutdown has placed many Federal services at a standstill across the nation; *and,*

WHEREAS: While the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is not impacted by the partial government shutdown, agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development are affected, possibly delaying needed benefits to our Veterans and Military Families; *and,*

WHEREAS: Veterans and Military Families have proudly served our Country and earned their benefits from our City, State, and Federal Governments; *and,*

WHEREAS: Many Veterans and their families have expressed concerns that some benefits and services may be delayed due to the partial shutdown. This includes services specifically designed to assist female Veterans, homeless Veterans and disabled Veterans; *and,*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has worked with Federal Agencies in the past through departments such as the Office of Veterans Services in order to empower our Veterans with the information that they need to be educated about the services and benefits they earned; *and,*

WHEREAS: It is critical that all our Veterans and Military Families are guaranteed on-time services and that there is an accurate assessment of the partial Federal Government shutdown's impact on timely services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the impact of the partial Federal Government shutdown on the services and benefits delivered to our Veterans and their Families. Representatives from the City of Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: January 9, 2019

Working Session on Stray Voltage in the City of Boston

Following the tragic loss of a dog who was electrocuted on Southampton St last winter, I called for a hearing with my Committee on City, Neighborhood Services, Veterans & Military Affairs regarding stray voltage issues in the City of Boston. I have since formed a working group with officials from the City of Boston, the Dept. of Public Works, Animal Control, Eversource Energy, and the MSPCA to discuss replacement of the city's aging infrastructure, tracking, coordination, and information for the public.



Hearing on Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and Affordable Housing

In January, Councilor Flaherty, Councilor Edwards & I called for a hearing regarding the Inclusionary Development Program (IDP) and affordable housing in the City of Boston. My focus is that the program is strengthened and updated so that working families can continue to live in the City of Boston. Moreover, recent reports indicated an unscrupulous developer did not fulfill their affordable housing obligation and sold units at market rate. A conversation is needed to discuss any gaps that may exist to support our working families and ensure this behavior does not take place again.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MICHAEL FLAHERTY and COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS INCLUSIONARY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) was created in 2000 to promote the production of affordable housing in Boston and sets requirements for large and medium scale developers to create or preserve affordable housing in any new development with 10 or more units that requires zoning relief; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2017 and 2018, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) published the first annual reviews of the IDP that demonstrated the substantial contributions made to affordable and moderate-income housing; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Recent reports revealed that the BPDA identified a project in violation of the IDP requirements; *and*
- WHEREAS:** A violations of the IDP requirements resulted in the permanent loss of a designated affordable unit for Boston residents during an affordable housing crisis and allowed for the unit to be resold at market rate; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2015, the Walsh Administration issued an executive order that revised and updated the IDP and allowed for the policy to be updated on a tri-annual basis and more recently filed a legislative package which includes "An Act to Further Leverage Commercial Development to Build Housing and Create Jobs" and "An Act to Preserve Inclusionary Development"; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In evaluating an update to the IDP, the City of Boston should consider the minimum requirements for inclusionary development, including the number of units triggering the inclusionary development requirements, data reporting on the beneficiaries of the inclusionary development programs, fair housing policies, statutory limitations facing the City of Boston that prevent codification of inclusionary development in municipal ordinance, and methods for ensuring policy compliance; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston is committed to achieving the goals articulated in Mayor Walsh's 2018 "Update of the Housing A Changing City: Boston 2030" and to ensuring IDP compliance so that the residents of Boston are provided the affordable units negotiated on their behalf; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the Inclusionary Development Policy in the City of Boston, inclusionary zoning, and methods for ensuring policy compliance. Representatives from the Boston Planning and Development Agency, Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), Office of Fair Housing and Equity and other interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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Hearing on the Proximity of Certain Businesses to Daycare Facilities

Following concerns from South End residents regarding the proximity of a proposed dispensary on Tremont St to a daycare center, I called for a hearing in January on this topic. As the issue of locations for marijuana dispensaries continues to evolve, I will continue to listen to, and work with, my constituents regarding the appropriateness of proposed locations, as well as making sure that pedestrian safety and Vision Zero are at the forefront of every conversation.

Hearing on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Council President Andrea Campbell and I called for this hearing due to the prevalent nature of domestic violence and sexual assault in our society. I called for this hearing as I want to continue the work of my mother, Kathy Flynn, during her time as the First Lady of Boston. I have met with several organizations that support victims, survivors, and children. I want to make sure that the City of Boston and our departments are doing all we can to provide support and assistance to those affected and their families.

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD FLYNN and COUNCILOR ANDREA J. CAMPBELL
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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** The issues of domestic violence and sexual assault remain prevalent in our society including in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to data compiled by Jane Doe, Inc., the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the 2010 National Intimate Partner Survey, Massachusetts was on par with national averages; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In Massachusetts, nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced sexual violence with nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men having experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner, and more than 1 in 7 women having experienced rape; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, a total of 2,337 unduplicated incidents of sexual assaults were actually reported to rape crisis centers across Massachusetts; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Eleven percent (11%) of high school students and six percent (6%) of middle school students reported being physically hurt by a date sometime in their life; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Between 2003 and December 31, 2012, Jane Doe, Inc. identified 266 victims of domestic violence related homicides and an additional 74 domestic violence homicide perpetrator deaths in Massachusetts; *and*
- WHEREAS:** 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; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:**
That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss opportunities to provide support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, ways to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in our City, solutions for increasing reporting opportunities for all communities, as well as other ways to educate the public to increase awareness about the prevalence of this behavior. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, Health and Human Services, the Boston Public Health Commission, and other relevant departments and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in City Council: January 14, 2019

Hearing on South Boston IPOD & Neighborhood-Wide Zoning

Councilor Michael Flaherty and I called for a hearing on the South Boston Interim Planning and Overlay District (IPOD) and neighborhood-wide zoning as we seek to ensure development that fits the character of the neighborhood and addresses concerns of abutters and neighbors. This hearing was originally scheduled for an evening at the Tynan School in March but was postponed due to safety reasons following a snowstorm. We continue to work with the Committee, Central Staff, and agencies to find an agreeable date and will be

sure to inform the public.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day Resolution & Resolution in Support of Genocide Education

I was proud to author a resolution regarding Holocaust Remembrance Day with Councilor Josh Zakim, as well as joining Councilor Tim McCarthy in offering a resolution in support of genocide education in our schools. This was related to Rep. Jeffrey N. Roy and Senator Michael Rodrigues' work on H.D 884/ S.D. 1441 regarding Holocaust and Genocide education in our schools. Holocaust & genocide education is critical for our students as the lessons of the past must never be forgotten. This knowledge will improve their understanding, help them to promote our shared humanity, and to show respect and dignity for all.



Hearing on After Hours, Weekend Construction and Development Issues

Upon hearing from residents in the South End, Chinatown, and the Andrew Square & Cityside Neighborhood Associations in South Boston, I called for a hearing regarding after hours and weekend construction, as well as other development issues. Many residents reported construction taking place without a permit outside of regular hours and on holidays. The penalty is currently \$300 and I do not believe that is a sufficient deterrent for this behavior. Moreover, we need to discuss ways to ensure developers are adhering to approved plans, safely securing sites, and doing suitable rodent control. [You can read more at Caught in Southie here.](#)



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS
AFTER HOURS CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
ISSUES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston is currently in the midst of an unprecedented building boom and has welcomed many new businesses and residents to its neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS:** Residents are thankful for the growth and economic vitality prevalent in the city, while mindful of quality of life issues that have occurred as a result; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Neighbors have reported construction taking place outside of the permitted hours of 7am-6pm; early in the morning, late in the evening, or on the weekend and holidays without a permit at all; *and*,
- WHEREAS:** Community leaders in the South End have called attention to permits granted for after hours and weekend construction for emergency and extraordinary circumstances; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents in South Boston and Chinatown have highlighted concerns regarding security and safety in all phases of development at construction sites, damages to neighboring properties, the need for adherence to approved plans, and suitable rodent control; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The current penalty for a violation of demolition, erection, alteration, or repair of any building outside of permitted hours is \$300 for each offense; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the process for off hours construction and other relevant development issues, enforcement and accountability for violations, and any gaps that exist to improve the quality of life in the City of Boston. Representatives from the City of Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed in Council: February 13, 2019

Hearing on the Possibility of Increased Linkage Fees for Early Childhood Education

In February, I called for a hearing regarding the possibility of using increased linkage fees from commercial developments to help fund early childhood education. Whether it be linkage or other revenue sources, early childhood education is a top priority in our city due to its effect on the development of our children and access to daycare for working families. Since that time, Mayor Walsh has presented a plan for Universal Pre-K within 5 years. I thank the Mayor for his leadership on this issue and look forward to continuing this important conversation. [You can read more at the Boston Sun here.](#)

Hearing on Displacement and Eviction Protection

Many friends, neighbors, residents and advocacy groups have also contacted me regarding the difficulties that our middle class and working families are facing to remain in the City of Boston due to one of the most expensive rental markets in the country. Recent reports have also highlighted the barriers some of our most vulnerable face in society on terms of resources available when facing eviction.

I simply do not believe that 30 days or 60 days is sufficient notice for long-term tenants who have been evicted for reasons other than nonpayment to find a new home in this market. I believe residents that have been in an apartment for over 5 years should be provided (1) one year's notice, while our seniors, the disabled, and low-income residents should be provided (2) two years notice to find new housing. I called for this hearing to examine what resources are currently available and what gaps currently exist as well. [You can read more in Sampan here.](#)



Hearing on Disability Access

I called for a hearing with Councilor Flaherty and Councilor Edwards to discuss the great work of Commissioner McCosh and the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities to see if there are any areas we can help with to promote inclusion and improve accessibility, including language access, in the City of Boston.

Hearing on City Services & Public Facilities on the South Boston Waterfront

Councilor Flaherty, Councilor Wu, and I called for a hearing regarding on this issue as we have heard from residents and the Fort Point Neighborhood Association regarding equal access to city services in terms of public safety facilities, a library, civic or community space, and a polling location. [You can find more information at WGBH here.](#)



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS
CITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES
IN THE SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT**

- WHEREAS:** In recent years, the South Boston Waterfront has been developing rapidly, transforming from an industrial area to one of Boston's most dynamic neighborhoods; *and*
- WHEREAS:** According to Go Boston 2030, the South Boston Waterfront's population will nearly triple from 2012 to 2030 to exceed 20,000 residents, with approximately 13,000 jobs added in the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The neighborhood is continuing to attract new developments and residents, yet despite the incoming industries, businesses, and restaurants, there is no school, library, community center, fire station, police station, or other similar public facilities in the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** City and state elected officials have called attention to the lack of city services and public facilities in the South Boston Waterfront, with State Senator Nick Collins advocating for a library in the South Boston Waterfront in 2017; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Public facilities such as libraries, community centers, and schools are important facilities that anchor a neighborhood, while fire and police stations are critical in ensuring the safety of the neighborhood; *and*
- WHEREAS:** To accommodate the growth of the South Boston Waterfront and the increase of residents, addressing the lack of public facilities and city services must be part of discussion as the neighborhood continues to be developed; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss plans for city services and public facilities in the South Boston Waterfront as it continues to experience residential growth. Representatives from the City of Boston and other interested parties shall be invited to testify.

Filed on: March 13, 2019

Social & Economic Justice

I believe in social and economic justice and that, now more than ever, it is critical for us to stand with our working families and support the labor movement. I will always stand with my union brothers and sisters whenever they are seeking fair and living wages, affordable healthcare, fair and safe working conditions, and a secure retirement for their families.

Last year, I stood with working families and unions like Unite Here Local 26 Hotel Workers, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, and United Steelworkers 12003 and 12012 during their negotiations. This year, I have joined members of UFCW Local 1445 on the picket line several times during their contract disputes with Macy's and Stop and Shop.



ED FLYNN
BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR
DISTRICT 2

February 28, 2019

Dear Jim Carvahlo,

Please note I am writing to express my full support for the 1,000 hard-working, union members of UFCW Local 1445 as they meet with Macy's to secure a new agreement that would recognize all of the associates and their contributions to the company's success.

At a time when Macy's generated over \$25 billion in sales the last two years, as well as over \$600 million in profits in 2017, I find it unconscionable that Macy's is seeking large, unnecessary concessions that would adversely impact the quality of life for these working families. I urge them to rescind these concessions in the strongest possible terms.

I have great respect and admiration for UFCW Local 1445 due to their longtime advocacy for social and economic justice. Additionally, as a member of the National Association of Government Employees, I have a firm understanding of the collective bargaining process and also have great respect for the right to organize.

Boston is strong because of the working men and women in organized labor who built this city. Now more than ever, I believe that we must support the labor movement and expanding the rights of working families. I will always stand with those that are seeking social and economic justice, and I support the workers of UFCW Local 1445 in this negotiation one hundred percent.

Sincerely,

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I also joined the Chinese Progressive Association, community advocates, and employees of the Happy Lamb Hot Pot Restaurant this winter to rally against wage theft and attacks on workers' rights.



If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.

