

BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE

ERIN MURPHY

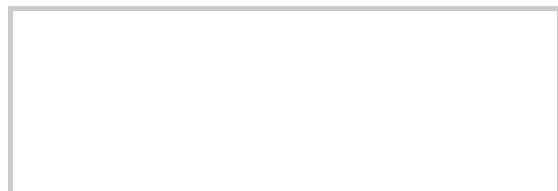
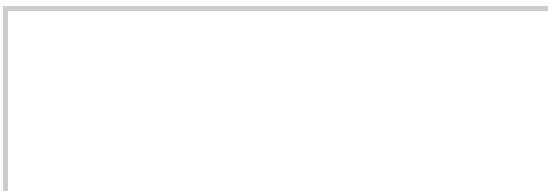


In our first 100 days I am proud to say that we have kept our promise and have shown up in all of the neighborhoods across the City. From Egleston Square to Eagle Hill, and from City Point to Cleary Square, we have been in small businesses, community centers, schools, dog parks and coffee shops. We are showing up, introducing ourselves and getting to know all of the residents across Boston.



We have been working hard at City Hall too! I am proud to be an official member on the recently formed Commission on Family Homelessness. I look forward to our work ahead as we end family homelessness in Boston. As the Chair of Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery I have filed orders to address the mental health crisis in our city and called for accountability and transparency from our Public Health Commission. I am working closely with service providers across our City who work with our youth, teens, young adults and seniors to make sure we are supporting them in every way possible.

I am also the Chair of Veterans and Military Services and I have been working closely with Rob Santiago, Commissioner of Veterans Services. I look forward to collaborating with all of the Veteran Services in the City, and state, to recognize and advocate for our veterans and their families and connect them with the services and resources they have earned and deserve.





I was honored to spend time with Lt. Col. Enoch Woodhouse, the 95 year old Tuskegee Airman.



Proud to speak at the 5th Annual Black Veterans Appreciation Brunch as the Chair of Veterans Affairs.



Kilombo Novo Capoeira Angola

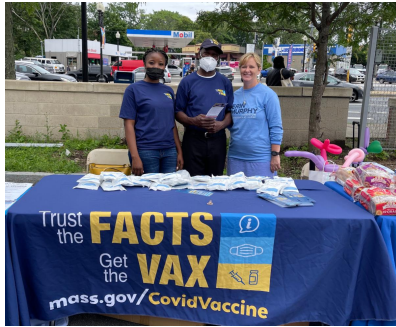
It was great to invite my friend Courtney Grey, and his group Kilombo Novo, to the Council Chamber to celebrate local black artists. Capoeira Angola is an Afro Brazilian art dance ritual and they leverage the powers of this practice to assist those impacted by poverty, oppression, marginalization, and traumatic stress.



Community Health Centers

Did you know that the first community health center in the nation was opened by Dr. Jack Geiger and Dr. Gibson in the neighborhood of Columbia Point in Dorchester back in 1965? Our health centers in Boston remain committed to the original mission of providing affordable, high-quality care that is accessible and inclusive to all,

Knowing that our health centers have such strong connections in the communities they



serve, I have been reaching out and visiting so that I can support the great work they do for our residents of Boston.



I love traveling around the City and bumping into former students in every neighborhood. I was in Roxbury and heard “Ms. Murphy” in a crowded room and still recognized the voice twenty years later. So great, and proud, to see my former student Kemauree working at The Base in Roxbury as the e-Sports director. He got a lot taller since the last time I saw him but he’s still the same great kid he was in kindergarten.



I was so proud to Kick off Women's History Month with the students at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy Lower Mills campus. Thank you to Principal Warshafsky, K1B and PreKB for welcoming me to your classes and letting me read to you! It is important that our children have strong role models to look up to.

Seniors



Thank you to our Boston Centers for Youth and Families for your commitment to senior programming. The Condon seniors had a great time at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon. ♣



I love visiting coffee shops in neighborhoods all across the City, meeting new people and having great conversations. My North End seniors are always fun!

I had a great visit to the Forever Young Adult Day Care Center in Hyde Park with Michel Denis, our newest Hatian liaison in the Office of



Neighborhood Services. My own grandparents, immigrants from Ireland, went to senior centers every day. My grandfather took the bus to the Kit Clark Senior Center in Fields Corner and my grandmother would walk down to the Murphy Community Center to have lunch with her friends. Providing these social opportunities for our seniors is important.



Thank you to all of our First Responders who did an amazing job at the 6 alarm fire in East Boston. We appreciate all you do keeping our City safe! People care that you show up and listen and recognize them. I have a better understanding now of what our first responders do.



Proud of Lisa Searcy, and her team, and the amazing work she does empowering our young women through her non-profit iBlossom! They are in their new space at Hawthorne Youth and Community Center.



I met Sasha at the Ukranian Cultural Center of New England rally. She left her family in Ukraine & started college at MIT in August. As a mother, I could feel her pain and fear for her family back home. Sending love and strength to Sasha, and all the other Ukranian's. You are not alone.



I have been visiting all the departments in City Hall to introduce myself and get a better understanding of what they do. I am grateful to all of our essential workers who keep our City moving forward and I look forward to my continuing my visits.



Thank you Alexis Trzcinski, Director of the **City of Boston Animal Care and Control**, for the tour of their animal shelter. I loved meeting all the staff, Zucca the cat, Harold the dog and Garvey the puppy. You do amazing work and I am committed to supporting your efforts.



It was great to meet up with Ginger, the Director of the Jamaica Plain Centre/South Main Streets, and walk around the neighborhood to talk with businesses in their business corridor.



Our Boston Centers for Youth and Families do amazing work with our children, teens and also seniors. I am committed to making sure all of our centers are fully funded so they have the resources they need to provide quality programming and opportunities for everyone they serve.

Food Resources



Thank you to Fenway Cares for welcoming my Team to volunteer this past week at your food bank distribution in Fenway. Register below to Volunteer or to find out more information for accessing the program: [Fenway Cares Information/Volunteer](#)



Winter Farmers Markets provide access to fresh, healthy, local food right in your neighborhood.

Farmers Markets:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/boston-farmers-markets>

Thank you for an amazing first 100 days and we look forward to the next 100 days!

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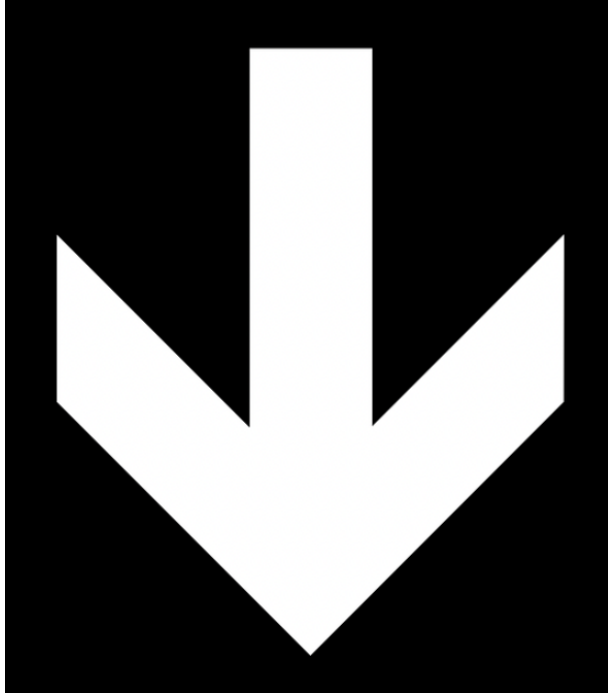
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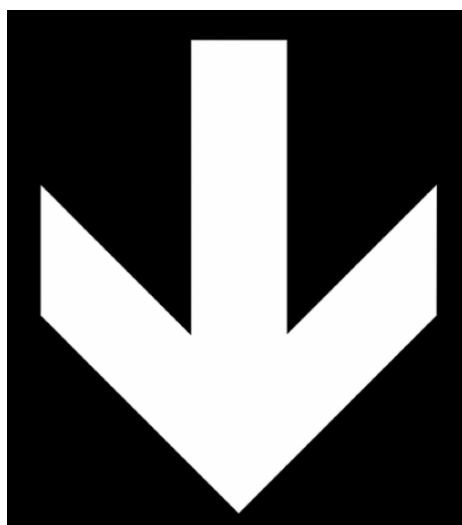
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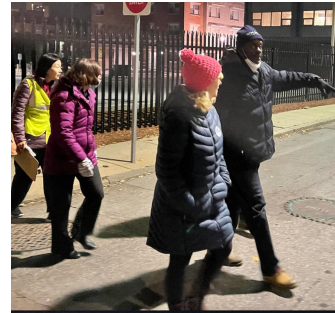




SECOND NEWSLETTER



MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNESS



Nubian Square Night Outreach to Homeless

"As the Chair of Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery, I am proud to be a member of the Commission on Family Homelessness," said **Erin Murphy, Boston City Councilor At-Large**. "I look forward to our work ahead as we collaborate together to create a coordinated plan to end family homelessness in Boston. There is such a negative impact on the health and educational progress of children who are homeless, so we need to come up with a concrete action plan to end this crisis. I am ready to partner with the other members on this Commission to make ending family homelessness a reality."

In her ongoing efforts to address the issue of homelessness in Boston, today Mayor Michelle Wu announced the formation of a Special Commission to End Family Homelessness made up of non-profit leaders and experts from both city and state agencies. The commission will study local family homelessness and will be tasked with developing a plan to prevent and end family homelessness in Boston.

"Boston's housing crisis has been pushing families out of our city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to the members of this Commission and look forward to their work to prevent and end family homelessness in Boston."

In 2020, a city ordinance was passed to establish a Special Commission to End Family Homelessness. The purpose of the Special Commission is to develop an actionable and measurable plan to end family homelessness in Boston. The ordinance names members for the commission including the Mayor of Boston, the City's Chief of Housing, the City's Chief of Health and Human Services, the Boston Public Schools Superintendent, as well as state seats including the Governor of Massachusetts, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development, representatives from the Boston Legislative Delegation, homeless service providers and individuals with lived

experience of homelessness or housing insecurity.

“Mayor Wu’s Special Commission is a tremendous leap forward for Boston in understanding, planning, and tackling the unique housing and support needs of homeless children and their parents,” said **Larry Seamans, President of FamilyAid Boston**. “As one of the city’s oldest and largest providers of housing supports for homeless families, we look forward to working with the commission to further the goal of ending family homelessness in Boston.”

Commission Members

- City Councilor Erin Murphy
- Jim Greene, Assistant Director for Street Homelessness Initiatives, Mayor’s Office of Housing, City of Boston
- Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing, City of Boston
- Brian Marques, Senior Director of Opportunity Youth, Boston Public Schools
- Kate Bennett, Boston Housing Authority Administrator
- Alvina Brevard, Associate Director for Division of Housing Stabilization, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Kate Barrand, President and CEO, Horizons for Homeless Children
- Catherine D’Amato, President and CEO, Greater Boston Food Bank
- Shiela Moore, CEO, Hildebrand Family Self Help Center, Inc.
- Larry Seamans, President, Family Aid Boston
- Danielle Ferrier, CEO, Heading Home Inc.
- Linn Torto, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness
- State Senator Lydia Edwards
- State Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley

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