



## City Councilor Michelle Wu Wins Boston's Mayoral Election

The map graphic tells more than one story. And for the first time in quite some time, the pollsters essentially had it right. Michelle Wu was victorious over Annissa Essaibi George by a 64% to 36% margin (28%).

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# EDITORIAL

## May God Bless Our Veterans on Veterans Day and Every Day

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, it doesn't matter in which branch of the United States Armed Forces our veterans served, those men and women put their private lives on hold for the purpose of defending our very way of life. To serve one's country; often putting themselves in harm's way to do their part to protect their fellow country men and women is something each and every American should be grateful for. Next Thursday, November 11th, has been officially been designated as Veteran's Day – a federal holiday.

But in the hearts minds and souls of most South Bostonians, every day makes us proud of those who have served and still do.

Since our nation was founded more than 200 years ago, to the present year of 2021, the United States Military has been the life line that has allowed America to continue to exist and to prosper. If not for our veterans throughout our history, there would be no America today. It's just that simple. Our military has also been a force for good that has literally saved the world from falling victim to brutal and cruel forces of corrupt monarchies

early in our history, and in modern times, from the evil that is Communism and Fascism. Today, the added challenge is terrorism which if given the green light, they will meet it head on anytime and in any place. But it's not just during war time that US troops save the day. During times of peace, when and where there are natural disasters anywhere in the world, the American military rushes to the rescue. Our veterans can take pride in who they are and what they've accomplished. They have earned the respect, the love and the pride Americans in turn, feel for them.



Our Veterans deserve very special praise, not just on Veteran's Day but every day. From the entire South Boston Today Team to every

veteran and their family members, we say God Bless You and Thank You all, so much, for your service and for your sacrifice.

**“You can't leave those who created the problem in charge of the solution” - Rush Limbaugh**

## A Message from the Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post, No. 561



On Thursday, November 11, 2021, the Fitzgerald VFW Post #561 will hold its 70th annual Veterans' Day Memorial Service. The order of events will be as follows:

- **9:00 AM:** Assembly at Post Quarters for refreshments
- **9:40 AM:** March to St. Brigid Church
- **10:00 AM:** Memorial Mass – Upstairs

In keeping with COVID-19 guidance on social distancing, we are disappointed to announce that Cushing Hall is closed and we are unable to hold our annual brunch.

Beginning Veterans' Day, the Post will be accepting Christmas donations for the Chelsea Soldiers' Home – gift cards, hats, socks, scarves, toiletries, etc... The residents will be forever grateful.

Thank you,  
Thomas J. McCarthy  
Commander

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## Everywhere You Look, Brandon's Name Appears

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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I'll start this week's column with what can possibly pass as a phenomenon. In today's divided America, it's rare that the whole country is aware of and has an opinion of the same thing. Like it or hate it, it has most Americans talking about it; pro or con and has even spread to crowds in a few foreign countries. It's a chant. Chants are a pretty common thing. There are chants at sporting events, NASCAR races, music concerts, protests, demonstrations and even during riots. Of course what's being chanted varies from event to event, depending upon what has drawn the crowds in. But with the exception of 'USA' 'USA', seldom, if ever, has there been a chant that everyone, everywhere is familiar with. Now, you all know exactly what I'm talking about. It comes in two versions but sends the same message. One version can be used anywhere, the other shouldn't be used in the company of small children. So since this is a family newspaper, I'll keep it decent and touch on the "Let's Go Brandon" version – the nice version.

As most people now know, the idea was hatched at a NASCAR track, when champion driver Brandon Brown won his event. The massive crowd, clearly no fan of Joe Biden's, was in the process of using the vulgar version. By the tens of thousands, the crowd voiced their opinion of him loud and clear. But, a reporter from NBC, who clearly WAS a fan of Biden's, attempted to convince the TV viewing audience that what they were hearing wasn't really what was being chanted. Don't believe our lying

ears – right? She insisted that the crowds were yelling 'Let's Go Brandon' – praising Brandon Brown and not the derogatory message being sent to Biden that was piercing the air with ear slitting volume.

Big mistake on the reporter's part, because it took off from there and has been going strong and spreading like wildfire. But now it has gone beyond just the chants. The saying is showing up on bumper stickers, T-Shirts and hats, on giant highway bill boards, on those electronic digital sign boards and is even on banners being dragged behind small private airplanes. There are RAP and Country Music songs that say it that have climbed to the top of the charts because of it. Recently, a South West Airlines Pilot said it over the intercom and members of Congress have closed out their speeches not with the usual 'Thank You', but with 'Let's Go Brandon'. And in a stunner, at a soccer game in Italy, shock of all shocks, the crowds began the chant it in English, but it wasn't the nice version.

Now folks, there are millions of Americans who are having fun with this. In fact, they are loving it. Then there are those who believe it's terrible and disrespectful. But the people who are most outraged and furious and actually losing their minds about it are the Hollywood liberals and members of the left leaning news media. They are going ballistic – melting down and are demanding that the chanting stop. They are trying to shame people into stopping. They are making threats of legal action against those doing it. They're

trying to get people fired from their jobs if they even say they think it's funny. The fact that Americans are having fun at Joe Biden's expense should be considered a hate crime as far as they're concerned and punished by imprisonment. This all has the lefties' heads exploding. But their reaction is back firing. Because the angrier they get and more unraveled they become, the more the 'Let's Go Brandon', both versions, spread. The unglued reaction is actually making it all even more enjoyable for the chanters. And the

fact that the people who are so mad about these anti-Biden chants are the same ones who constantly called Donald Trump and his family the nastiest and vile names for over 4 years seems to be making it all even more fun.

A recent online meme that has been going viral shows a cartoon character from a popular kid's movie with his arm around a confused Joe Biden as he says to him "Look Joe, you've done it. You've united much of the country. And they're chanting your name EVERYWHERE".

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# Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

## With dust settled, Wu confronts two-week transition period

The dust from the Boston mayoral race has settled and Mayor-elect Michelle Wu now just under two weeks until she takes over the city's top post.

Wu, the first woman, first person of color, and first Asian American to be elected mayor of the city, is due to be sworn in on Nov. 16. That's a fairly tight turnaround for her to shift gears from serving as a city councilor and campaigner to taking over as Boston's chief executive. But where there's a will, there's a way. Wu spoke with reporters Wednesday morning and detailed some of her top priorities as she gets ready. NBC10 Boston reports that Wu said she is focused on "building out our team." The mayor-elect met with Acting Mayor Kim Janey to talk transition later in the afternoon, but Boston Herald's Sean Philip Cotter reports that question about cabinet appointees and transition team were deflected during a press conference with Wu and Janey.

"This is about empowering a full team that is reflective of Boston, representative of the expertise in our communities, and connected to the urgency of the issues from the cabinet-level all throughout the organization," Wu said earlier in the day before the meeting, according to the Boston Globe's Matt Stout and Travis Andersen. Like we said yesterday morning, Wu is tasked with turning cornerstone campaign proposals into reality. MassLive's Benjamin Kail reports that she heads to the mayor's office focused on energy, environment, and climate justice as well as doing away with MBTA fares, a move that would require significant buy-in from state officials who oversee the transit agency.

And if you found yourself won-

dering after her decisive victory whether Wu could have beaten Marty Walsh, the Boston Globe's Milton J. Valencia had the same thought: "It's well worth asking the question after Wu dominated throughout the city in Tuesday's race and won many of Walsh's former strongholds, including his home precinct in Lower Mills."

## Senate releases \$3.66 ARPA spending package

Five months after the federal government funneled about \$5.3 billion in COVID-19 relief dollars to the state, both branches of the Legislature have now released plans to spend a portion of the money. Boston Business Journal's Greg Ryan reports that the Senate released a \$3.66 billion spending plan that draws from American Rescue Plan Act dollars and surplus revenue from fiscal 2021. And it seems that the House and Senate are not too far apart. State House News Service's Matt Murphy reports that the Senate's proposal mirrors the House's both in its bottom line and general investment strategy. The bills start to diverge when it comes to climate change mitigation and behavioral health.

## More election results from across Massachusetts

If you don't live in Boston and are looking for a comprehensive list of election results from other important races around the state, GBH News' Meghan Smith and Hannah Reale have you covered with details from Framingham, Everett, Somerville, Lawrence, Lynn, Gloucester, and Salem. Commonwealth's Shira Schoenberg and Bruce Mohl also breakdown results from some of the municipalities.

## Stay home: Seven House lawmakers prohibited from working in State House

Zoom only for the time being. The office of House Speaker Ronald Marino says seven lawmakers who have not yet proven they are vaccinated or sought an exemption will not be allowed to work at the State House and must cast votes remotely, Matt Stout of the Globe and Shira Schoenberg of Commonwealth report.

## Massachusetts Majority super PAC finds success in elections this week

A super PAC in Massachusetts supported by Gov. Charlie Baker found quite a bit of success during elections this week and finds itself looking ahead to races in 2022. Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl reports that the Massachusetts Majority super PAC saw 16 of the 24 candidates they backed win their elections, for a total of 18 successful campaigns this year.

More from Mohl: "Baker raises a lot of money for the super PAC because he supports its goal of helping moderate and fiscally responsible Democrats and Republicans. In 2021, the super PAC raised \$911,105 from 42 donors and made close to \$300,000 in expenditures on behalf of 24 candidates -- four who are registered as unenrolled, eight who are Democrats, and 10 who are Republicans. Two others ran successfully in elections earlier this year."

## Pay up: Former lawmaker, prosecutor sue pot company over wages

Former state Rep. Marie St. Fleur and former Suffolk County assistant DA Amy McNamee are suing the founders of a cannabis company that hired them -- with much fanfare -- in 2018 but then, they say, started reducing their salaries until payments stopped entirely. Sean Philip Cotter of the Herald reports the pair say Union Twist owes them \$242,000 in lost wages and interest.

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October 29, 2021

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**November 4, 2021**



# REP. BIELE SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF \$3.82 BILLION ARPA SPENDING BILL

*Bill supports local programs, recovery efforts at Mass and Cass, and statewide initiatives*



State Representative David Biele joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing the House's fiscal year 2021 (FY21) spending proposal using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and surplus funds from FY21.

In total, \$3.82 billion is being allocated to address issues exacerbated by COVID-19 and support communities hardest hit by the pandemic, including investments in housing, the environment, climate resiliency, economic development, workforce training, and health and human services.

Earlier this year, the Massachusetts Legislature voted to transfer the state's \$5.3 billion ARPA grant, which must be allocated by 2024, into a separate fund to ensure public participation. The House Committee and Ways and Means and House Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight held six public hearings, with over one thousand testimonies submitted regarding funding allocations.

Locally, the House bill includes funding for the Marian Manor to provide for capital improvements to modernize the Manor's facilities as well as funding for continued improvements to playgrounds

in Marine Park.

The House bill also includes \$6.25 million to support recovery efforts at Mass and Cass, including \$5 million to increase supporting housing for those with substance use disorder and \$1.5 million for treatment and supportive services.

"I want to express my gratitude to Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, Chair Hunt, and my colleagues in the House for this support in making these crucial investments to help individuals and businesses who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Rep. Biele.

State wide initiatives included in the House's ARPA and FY21 surplus bill include:

#### Economic Development

- Unemployment contributions from local businesses will be offset by \$500 million in the House bill to replenish the Unemployment Trust Fund. Additionally, small businesses that paid personal income taxes on state or federal aid awards during the pandemic will receive \$200 million in tax relief. The House bill also allocates \$60 million in grants to assist small businesses affected by the pandemic, of which \$35 million is allocated to minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned enterprises.

- This legislation provides \$100 million for port infrastructure development and rehabilitation to help businesses and the offshore wind sector.

- As part of continued recovery efforts, the House bill appropriates \$125 million to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for grants supporting cultural events, educational programs, and performances impacted by and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Health and Human Services

- This bill reinforces the House's longstanding commitment to sup-

porting and providing medical care to community hospitals by providing \$250 million for financially strained hospitals and \$20 million for community health centers.

- More than \$250 million will be allocated to behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services, including \$100 million for employment initiatives and \$15 million for community health centers.

- Other contributions include over \$78 million for food insecurity and \$6.5 million for coordination teams for triage treatment and service supports and post-treatment supportive housing in Boston.

#### Workforce Development

- The legislation includes \$500 million for premium pay incentives for low- and middle-income workers who worked in-person during COVID-19. The plan also contains \$100 million for vocational and career and technical schools, as well as \$150 million to improve workforce possibilities through workforce skills training.

#### Homeownership and Affordable Housing

- The legislation covers \$150 million for public housing maintenance along with another \$150 million for the creation of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless people, survivors of domestic abuse, elderly, and veterans. The legislation also contains

\$100 million in homeownership aid and \$100 million in affordable rental housing construction and preservation.

#### Environment

- Investments include \$100 million for infrastructure that will help communities adapt to climate change and become more climate resilient, as well as \$100 million for water and sewer projects, including those that will address combined sewer overflow into waterways.

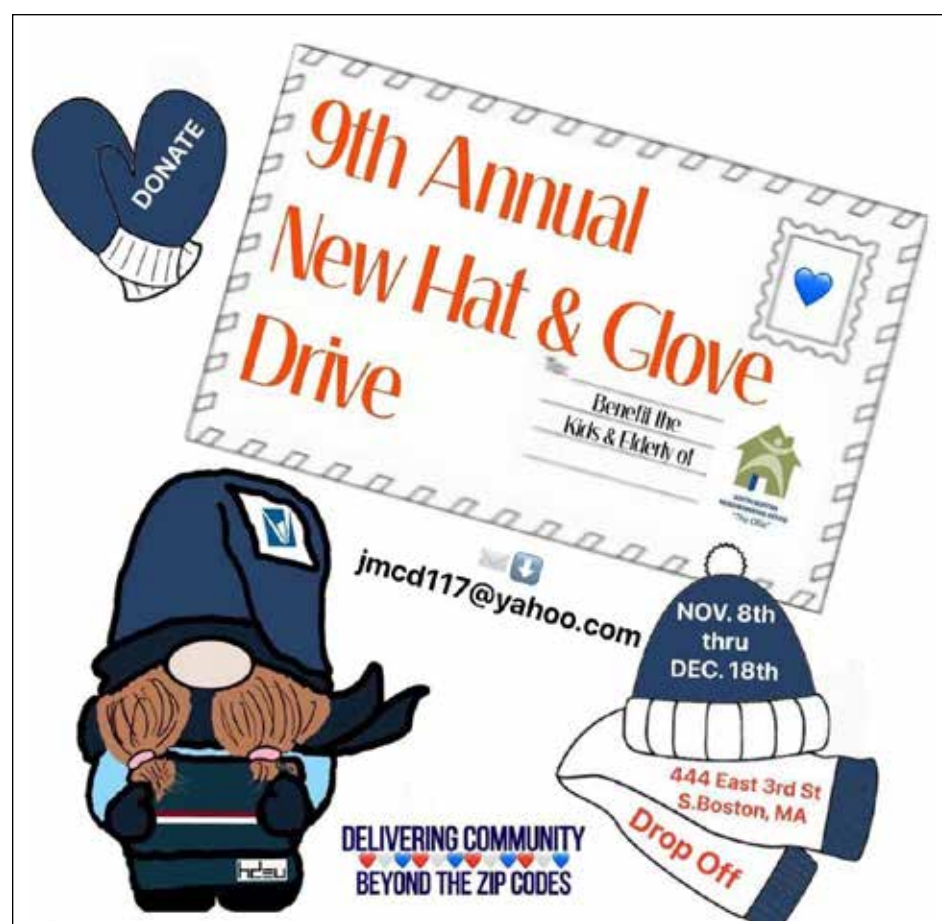
#### Education

- This bill includes more than \$100 million to enhance indoor air quality in schools and support healthy learning environments. In addition, this bill includes \$20 million for special education, including \$10 million for workforce development, and \$10 million for programs aimed at recruiting and retaining educators.

#### Accountability and Public Participation

- The House bill allocates \$5 million to the Inspector General's office to create a public database and website to track total spending, including the percentage of funds spent in communities, business, and organization that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as a tool to inform future ARPA spending.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 159-0 and now heads to the Senate for consideration.





### Michelle Wu Wins continued from front page

There is something to be said for planning a run for mayor of Boston the day you win your first election as a citywide city councilor (2014), as Councilor Wu did. A native of Barrington Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, she came to Boston to attend Harvard College as both an undergraduate and law school graduate. She gained experience and more importantly political and social contacts having worked for both Senator Elizabeth Warren and the late Mayor Tom Menino. Those affiliations underwrote her credentials as a progressive liberal and someone who at least understood the dynamic between governing and politicking.

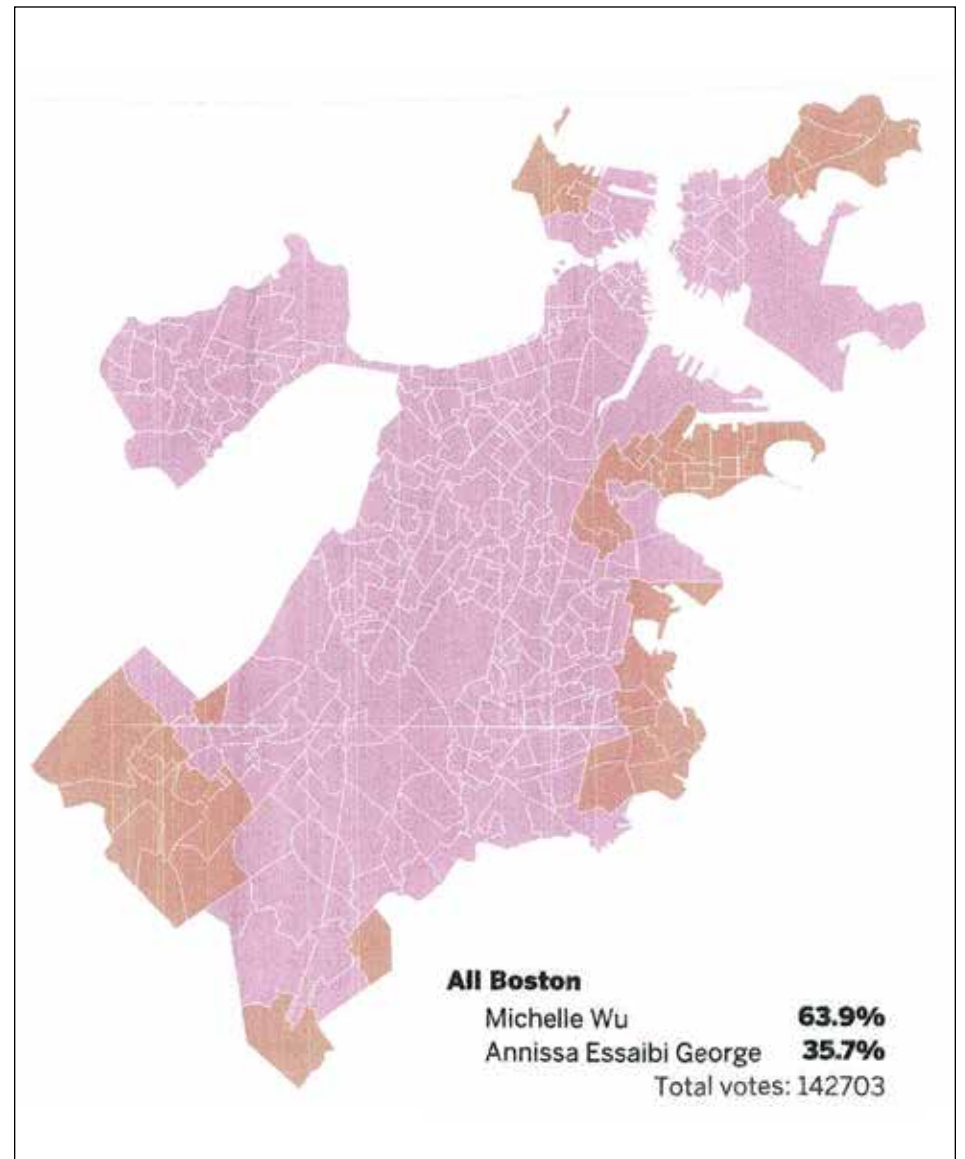
It is not unfair to point out that the often-equivocal agenda of former Mayor Marty Walsh since being elected in 2013, evidenced by the controversies engulfing the Boston Public Schools since day one and the Police Department more recently, gave fuel to potential challengers, notwithstanding his success in terms of fiscal health and economic growth in the City.

The electorate reacted during his tenure, as evidenced by the success of candidates of color, and women, in particular, being elected to the City Council over Walsh-backed candidates. These candidates were empowered by the political momentum created by an Ayanna Pressley victory over progressive-credentialed Congressman Mike Capuano, frustrated BPS parents,

as well as the aforementioned economic boom that resulted in an influx of transient millennials and Gen Xers, whose appetite for non-specific 'change' was embedded in their educational experience. Add to that the exploitation of racial tensions by both the national and local media, especially the Boston Globe, and the stage was set for a backlash to traditional Boston. ADVANTAGE WU.

To be sure, Councilor Essaibi George thought of herself as a potential candidate for mayor when she was first elected citywide (2016). She had the education, political connections, lived experience, an immigrant story to tell, and Boston streets cred, so to speak, to be a natural beneficiary of a reasonably assured liberal/moderate constituency, in due time. However, Mayor Walsh looked to be the likely mayor for an indeterminant period of time. So, George went about the business of serving her constituents and more than likely judged that, under the circumstances of her neighbor and political friend currently being the mayor, she would have to bide her time. DISADVANTAGE ESSAIBI GEORGE.

As to the issues, during the campaign, Wu espoused a more liberal approach to policing and called for bigger reforms, but the campaign ultimately was more dominated by debates about issues such as affordable housing, public education and transportation. But differences



on policing and crime did emerge between the two. Wu's major police reforms included defunding and before she was a candidate, she joined other city council members in calling for a 10% cut to the police department's budget. Essaibi George had opposed reallocating the money and had called for hiring several hundred more police officers and as a result was endorsed by former Boston police Commissioner William Gross.

However, the issues took a back seat to the dynamic narrative of progressive liberal versus moderate liberal - which is inherently ill-defined - or ultimately the more banal, yet proved to be effective, narrative of New Boston versus Old Boston. The map graphic tells that story.

Bottom Line:

Mayor-elect Michelle Wu has made what she has called bold proposals within a 'big-thinking' agenda but with no definitive or intrinsically achievable results. It is endemic in academic approaches to goal achievement, a la Senator Elizabeth Warren and those of the

Ivy League persuasion. Her coalition is made up of the progressive liberal constituencies that populate the sections of the city shown in the map. It also includes those who have an ideological affinity to her agenda, notwithstanding the reality that few of those folks participate in traditional community-based activism. Nonetheless they are, for the time being, in charge of the City's direction over the next four years.

Bear in mind that the School Department needs to educate today's children, that residents need to find housing today, that the winter is upon the lost souls on Mass & Cass and the cost of living is spiking. The question to be answered by Mayor-elect Wu is - can your bold agenda that includes expanding education access, creating affordable housing, housing and otherwise addressing the crisis of addiction and your pledge to lower the cost of living be realized against the existing problems facing you or is it a process that may or may not be achievable in a four-year term?




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# Councilor Flynn Thanks The People of District 2



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to my neighbors, friends, and constituents for re-electing me to serve as your District 2 Boston City Councilor for a third term. I sincerely appreciate the hospitality you have extended to my family, my staff and I at civic meetings and events across our city. It is an honor to serve as your District 2 City Councilor, and I have worked hard every day for our residents and community.

Throughout my time in office, I have used my position of public trust to speak out on many important issues through City Council Hearings, community meetings, press releases, letters, social media platforms, as well as with our civic groups. As an elected official, my focus has always remained on public safety, housing stability & affordability, social & economic justice, and quality of life issues for our residents and families.

In terms of public safety, I have been a strong advocate of pedestrian and traffic safety on all of our roads. I created a 12 point plan and held hearings to advocate for traffic calming infrastructure improvements, slower speeds and increased enforcement. I called for and held hearings on many other public safety issues, including construction safety and gas leaks in the City of Boston.

When it comes to housing, I held hearings during my time in office on affordable housing and the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) so that it can be updated to help keep working families in Boston. I have held hearings on increased property taxes and advocated for relief for longtime

neighbors. I also passed an ordinance previously to help our seniors who have fallen behind on their property taxes to pay with reduced interest and on more affordable terms. I continue to advocate for neighbors and civic groups when it comes to zoning and licensing matters at City Hall.

Moreover, I have always stood with our working families seeking fair and living wages, affordable healthcare, safe working conditions and a secure retirement. Whether it was United Steelworkers during the National Grid lockout, Unite Here Local 26 at Marriott Hotels, UFCW 1445 at Stop & Shop or Macy's, my family and I were proud to stand with organized labor. I also joined workers and advocates fighting against wage theft, and passed resolutions in the City Council in support of laid-off workers at our various hotels.

With accessibility and inclusion in mind, I continue to advocate for improved language access at all levels of our city government. My social media posts are translated into Spanish and Chinese, and I have four women of color on my staff who are bilingual. Moreover, I have been working on the issue of digital equity and ensuring that our residents have access to affordable internet and digital resources. I also work closely with the Disability Commission on accessibility for our persons with disabilities, and I will be hosting a hearing on November 9th to discuss ways to increase communication access on public facing televisions and ensuring that closed captions are available.

Government serves us best when it takes the legitimate concerns of its citizens and civic organizations seriously. I have not only listened to your concerns, but have taken the lead on issues affecting our most basic government services. I promise to continue to advocate on behalf of the people of District 2, listen to your feedback, be accessible in our community, and work hard to deliver results for all of our neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Ed Flynn  
Boston City Councilor, District 2

## Flag Retirement Ceremony Next Thursday, Nov 11th, 11am, Castle Island

Dedicated To The Afghan Veterans

Next Thursday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. The Castle Island Association, in cooperation with The Scottish American Military Society, South Boston's local Veterans and the Department of Conservation and Recreation has announced the return of the Flag Retirement Ceremony to Fort Independence at 11:00AM, in accordance with the U.S. Flag code. Last year's ceremony was not held because of Covid. If you have a torn, tattered, faded or otherwise damaged U.S. Flag and would you like to dispose of it the proper ceremonial way that respects Old Glory and all that it stands for, you can bring it to the fire stations on D Street

or East Fourth Street or come to the annual Flag Retirement ceremony at Fort Independence this Veterans Day holiday and be part of the tradition. It begins promptly at 11am in the courtyard/parade grounds at the fort; famous historical landmark that it is and all are invited to be part of this inspiring event. All are encouraged to come; bring the family, bring friends and neighbors!

Each year, leading up to Veteran's Day, our veterans collect the flags to be retired from residents who feel its time; because of the worn condition of these banners, to replace them with newer ones. Simply throwing them away is never an option if replacing them is to be done properly and by the accepted and established code.

If you've never been to this event; you'll be impressed at the pomp and ceremony that it involves. Taps is played, color guards are on hand, the National Anthem is played and sung and then the flags themselves are disposed of in the manner that has been with our country for generations and one which is fitting and shows the proper respect that Old Glory so richly deserves.





# The Wine Guy Something Sparkling

Whether there's a specific reason or not, sometimes it's just nice to sit back and have a glass of something sparkling. Maybe your team won, or your kid didn't crack up your car over the weekend (or both!). In any event, consider one or more of the following the next time you're in the mood....

Like a bubbly Prosecco? Thanks to you, in the past decade the Veneto region became Italy's big-

gest producer of wine. The *Veneto* stretches across northeastern Italy, from the Alpine border with Austria to the lagoons of Venice. The northern location makes Veneto a great source for grapes producing crisp, white wines, more than two-thirds of the region's total production. Try a bottle of *Tesoro Della Regina Prosecco*, (\$19.99), whose brisk, consistent bubbles carry a green almond scent, driving home crispness and freshness. It's clean and still manages to feel generous; it's a great accompaniment to seafood, especially shellfish or at the end of a meal, with any kind of dessert.

A little closer to home, from California's North Coast, comes one of the oldest labels in the U.S., *Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, 2016*, (\$34.99). The 2016 Blanc de Blancs has bright and fresh aromas of green apple, apricot and orange blossom. The fruitful fragrance intermingles with hints of honey, and lemon zest. Freshly sliced peaches, pear and bright pineapple flavors carry vibrant length on the palate. While this wine can be enjoyed by itself



as an aperitif, it is also perfect with fresh oysters and other shellfish, crab cakes, ceviche and grilled sea bass. It is also delicious with lemon chicken and Thai curries. Serve with aged Gouda or other hard cheeses, and as a counterpoint to soft triple creams. Robert Parker gave it 90 points, saying, "The nose of the 2016 Blanc de Blancs is bright and fresh, with scents of quince peel, red apples, floral perfume, brioche and a nutty undercurrent. The light-bodied palate is dry with energetic mousse and a nice balance of mineral and tirage character, finishing with fantastic freshness."

To get back to Italy for a moment, not all that sparkles is white. *Lini 910 Labrusca Lambrusco Rosso, 2017*, (\$16.99) shows that Sparkling wine doesn't begin and

end with white. In fact, lambrusco, that bubbling '80s favorite, has made a return in recent years with a more refined flavor palate that goes far beyond the cloyingly sweet bottles you remember. This 2017 vintage has a fresh, fruit-forward palate of berries and stone fruit with plenty of acid to keep it nicely balanced for dedicated red drinkers.

France has many regions that produce sparkling wines besides Champagne and one of the best examples is *J.J. Vincent Crémant de Bourgogne*, (\$23.99). Made with chardonnay grapes, the wine derives a punchy apple and pear flavor with hints of citrus and spice that pair beautifully with crudo or anything on toast. Have this one with any grilled white meat of shellfish, especially Oysters on the half shell or a Fruits de Mer platter.

So, hopefully, your team wins, and the car is in the garage, unscathed. Toast that!

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## Halloween On Becky (Beckler Ave.) Has Returned

SBT Staff

Halloween has always been a big event in South Boston. The parties, the Trick or Treating, the great events that community minded groups organize for the kids have always been something truly special and very festive. The consumption of mass quantities of Halloween candy might be a dentist's dream, but it's all part of the fun and not an everyday happening.

For many years, the good people who live on Beckler Ave., that small close-knit street filled with kind people who are proud of this neighborhood and often look for ways to give back, put together, at their own expense, an extravagant Halloween display that would, for its size, rival anything Disney World could come up with. In fact, we wouldn't be surprised if the folks from Disney borrowed some of the ideas their scouts learned from 'Halloween on Becky'.



For years, Halloween on Beckler Ave. was the place to be if you wanted to give the kids a real treat (and maybe a scare or two). People would come for miles around to hear the recorded shrieking, scary music and sounds, see the fog machines and the costumes – creative costumes to be sure. But as years passed, some of the people who put on this wonderful display moved on to other places and the tradi-

tion eventually faded away. You can't expect the same people to do something this big forever. But, to the delight of all, the tradition came roaring back this year.

Halloween on Becky had returned and with a bang. The word spread around the neighborhood and the families came to see. They were not disappointed. Beckler Ave was again alive with Halloween sounds and props and sweet treats for all. It was



a beautiful display and night of fun. To those Beckler Ave. Residents who stepped up and made it all happen again – Thank you and congratulations. You brought many smiles to many faces. And to those residents who originally began this fantastic event, you deserve special praise as well. Your creativity, caring and neighborhood spirit is being carried on in a big way. Good job by all.

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# 270 West 2nd St.

**Tuesday, November 23**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/3Btptl3](https://bit.ly/3Btptl3)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 160 616 3667

**Project Description:**  
Multi-Family Residential proposal with 96,000 sf of FAR floor area, 93 multi-family units, 69-garage parking spaces, and associated amenities and open space.

mail to: **Stephen Harvey**  
Boston Planning & Development Agency  
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02201

phone: 617.918.4418  
email: [stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov](mailto:stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov)

**Close of Comment Period:**  
12/3/2021

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## BPDA Income-restricted Rental Opportunity

### GABLES SEAPORT

**501 CONGRESS STREET,  
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### 15 Income-restricted Units

# of Units	# of bedrooms	Rent**	Maximum Income Limit (% AMI)	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for mobility & Deaf/hard of hearing
3	Studio	\$1,203	70%	-	-
9	1-Bedroom	\$1,410	70%	1	1
2	2-Bedroom	\$1,597	70%	-	-
1*	3-Bedroom	\$1,789	70%	-	-

\* One person households are not permitted to lease the 3-Bedroom unit.  
\*\* Rent includes gas (hot water). Tenant is responsible for electricity (cooking and heating), water, sewer, cable, internet and phone. Parking is NOT included and reserved parking spaces will be available for approximately \$400/month.

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))		Maximum Incomes (set by BPDA + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))	
# of bedrooms	Minimum Income 70% AMI	Household size	Maximum Income 70% AMI
Studio	\$43,308	1	\$59,200
1-Bedroom	\$50,760	2	\$67,650
2-Bedroom	\$57,492	3	\$76,100
3-Bedroom	\$64,404	4	\$84,550
		5	\$91,350
		6	\$98,100

Minimum incomes **do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, MRYP, or VASH.**

Applications are available for 14 days, from November 16 through November 30, 2021

To request an application online, visit: <https://bit.ly/gables-seaport>

For more information please contact us via email at [GablesSeaport.BPDA@sebhousing.com](mailto:GablesSeaport.BPDA@sebhousing.com) or phone at (617) 782-6900 extension 1

Applications may also be picked up in person at 501 Congress Street at the dates and times listed below:


Day	Date	Time
Tuesday	November 16, 2021	1:00 - 5:00PM
Wednesday	November 17, 2021	4:00 - 8:00PM
Thursday	November 18, 2021	1:00 - 5:00PM
Friday	November 19, 2021	1:00 - 5:00PM
Saturday	November 20, 2021	10:00AM - 2:00PM

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Mail completed applications to: SEB, 257 Hillside Ave, Needham MA 02494.**


- Selection by lottery. Income, Asset Use and Occupancy Restrictions apply.
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### Equal Housing Opportunity





# Trick or Treat

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN





# South Boston Catholic Academy News

## Happy Halloween!

All the students at South Boston Catholic Academy had a chance to take part in the Annual SBCA Halloween Parade in front of

school, on East Broadway, this past Thursday morning. They were so excited to show their family and friends their marvelous costumes.

All the students at South Boston Catholic Academy also had a fun time at their Halloween Party in their classrooms. Ms. McCarthy's Grade 1A students had such a fun day celebrating Halloween! Grade 1A loved the parade, their party, and dancing at their party. Thank you to all our wonderful parents, teachers and staff for

helping to make this year's Halloween so much fun for all the children at SBCA!

We hope that everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween! New families are welcome to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at [j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org) to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.







I went 3-2 against the spread in Week 8. My record on the season is now 23-17.

Four teams have a bye in Week 9: Detroit, Seattle, Tampa Bay, and Washington. It's getting closer to the time where we start to look at the playoff races in each conference. But for now, let's just try to keep picking winners.

Here are my picks for Week 9:

**BALTIMORE RAVENS (-5.5)** over Minnesota Vikings

-The 5-2 Ravens are coming off the bye, and before that, they got whooped by the Cincinnati Bengals at home, 41-17. So, you know Baltimore is just itching to get back on the field and right their wrongs from Week 7. The 3-4 Vikings enter Week 9 coming off a loss to the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday. It snapped a two-game win streak for Minnesota, which finds itself in second place in the NFC North, behind the 7-1 Packers. Minnesota has been a tough team to figure out so far this season. I don't expect the Ravens to lose back-to-back games at home, as they host the Vikings this Sunday at 1 p.m.. I believe

Baltimore bounces back, and bounces back strong. Give me the Ravens to win by 10.

**LAS VEGAS RAIDERS (-3)** over New York Giants

-This game is at MetLife on Sunday at 1. I don't usually pick West Coast teams playing on the East Coast with 1 p.m. kickoffs, but here we are. The 2-6 Giants are banged up, and even though they gave Kansas City a game on Monday night, I'm not taking them to beat a 5-2 Raiders team that's coming off the bye. Vegas is in a battle for first place in the AFC West. As of now, the Raiders are in sole possession of that first-place spot. With the 4-3 Chargers and 4-4 Chiefs right up their behind, they can't afford to lose to the lowly Giants. I don't care where the game is played, or what time it's played at. Raiders win by a touchdown.

**LOS ANGELES CHARGERS (-2)** over Philadelphia Eagles

-The 4-3 Chargers have lost two straight, and are coming off a loss to the Patriots at home in Week 8. But they should be able to beat the 3-5 Eagles on Sunday at 4:05 in Philadelphia. The

Eagles are coming off a blowout win over the Lions in Detroit, 44-6. I'd say that's impressive, but, Detroit is the only winless team in the league at 0-8. So, if the Eagles are feeling good about themselves even a little bit, I expect the Chargers to make them pay. I'm taking LA to snap its losing skid. The Chargers win and cover in Philly.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-7.5)** over Green Bay Packers

-At the very moment that I was picking Kansas City to win as a "pick-em," news broke that Aaron Rodgers tested positive for COVID-19 and will miss Sunday's game against the Chiefs. In some places, the spread has changed to the Chiefs being a 7.5-point favorite. So I'll go with that. And I'm not changing my pick. The game's in Kansas City on Sunday at 4:25, and I'm still betting on the 4-4 Chiefs to have their first "moment" of the 2021 NFL season with a win over the 7-1 Packers. Kansas City has looked shaky all season long. In fact, they have yet to win consecutive games this season. Because of the high expectations, this has been por-

trayed to be a failure for Patrick Mahomes and company. But the season isn't over yet, and the AFC West is still up for grabs. On the other end, Green Bay has won seven straight. The Packers' latest win came on Thursday night when they beat the Cardinals, thanks to a brutal interception by Kyler Murray in the final seconds. Now, Rodgers is out, so the only question I have is, "Will the Chiefs cover?" I'll answer my own question with, "Yes, they will." I'll take Kansas City by 10.

**LOCK OF THE WEEK: LOS ANGELES RAMS (-7.5)** over Tennessee Titans

-It's Sunday Night Football in LA. The 7-1 Rams have won four straight. The 6-2 Titans have won four straight. But the big story here is that Tennessee will be without star running back Derrick Henry, who suffered a season-ending foot injury last week. Meanwhile, the Rams just traded for star edge rusher Von Miller at this week's trade deadline. Give me LA to win and cover at home in primetime.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## BOSTON MOURNS THE LOSS OF BELOVED RED SOX BROADCASTER JERRY REMY

SBT Staff

The legendary Jerry Remy lost his battle with lung cancer and passed away at the age of 68 last weekend.

Remy was best known for his color commentary for Red Sox games on NESN, where he began in the broadcast booth in 1988. His last game was in August, when he walked away to undergo more treatment on the cancer that continued to come back multiple times since he was first diagnosed in 2008.

Last month, before the Red Sox' Wild Card playoff game against the New York Yankees at Fenway Park, Remy returned to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Prior to joining NESN, Remy enjoyed a 10-year MLB career as a second baseman for the California Angels and the Red Sox. Remy played his first three seasons with the Angels, and his last seven with the Red Sox. He was named an All Star in 1978, his first year in Boston.

Remy was born in Fall River, MA. He went to Somerset High School in Somerset, MA, and then attended Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI, where he was drafted by the Angels in 1971.

Known as the "RemDawg," Remy was elected to the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 2006 for both his playing and

### Tweet of the Week



Red Sox @RedSox

This weekend we lost our beloved Jerry Remy - a former player, broadcaster, Red Sox Hall of Famer & friend.

For over 40 years, the RemDawg captured the hearts of Red Sox Nation. Our thoughts & countless memories are with Jerry's wife, Phoebe, their family & our friends at NESN.



broadcasting accomplishments.

The Red Sox released a statement on Sunday, expressing their sadness about the news of Remy's death.

"We are saddened by the loss of a beloved player, broadcaster, and 13-year cancer warrior," said Principal Owner John Henry. "Jerry's love and connection to baseball didn't allow anything to stand between the game and him, including for many years cancer. He devoted his entire career to baseball and whether from his seat in the clubhouse or his perch above the field in the broadcast booth, he took generations of rising Red Sox stars and a multitude of fans along for the ride with him. During his lifetime, he witnessed great triumphs and terrible tragedies handling all of it with grace, dignity, and a huge heart. He left an indelible mark on this club and on an entire nation of Red Sox fans."

"On behalf of the entire Red Sox family, we send our deepest condolences to Jerry's wife Phoebe, their three children, and the entire extended Remy family," said Chairman Tom Werner. "Jerry's effortless style made him the finest baseball broadcaster of the past few decades. When you listened to him, it was as if you were having a beer with your best friend, and his insight, humor, and charm lifted your spirits. I often texted him between innings to get his perspective on the game, and we enjoyed a relationship I will forever treasure.

He was a valued colleague and friend, and we will miss his presence in our clubhouse and our broadcast booth."

"Jerry Remy was at the core of what I loved about the Red Sox," said President and CEO Sam Kennedy. "Growing up, I watched him play as a scrappy second baseman, and later listened and laughed with him as an iconic broadcaster. For the past two decades, I had the immense privilege of working alongside him and seeing firsthand the artful way he connected generations of players and fans with his insight, and often, his humor. As a Massachusetts native, he appreciated what the Red Sox meant to this region, and throughout his career we saw that appreciation and love for the game and this team in the way he showed up each day; always the first in the clubhouse or in the lobby to board the team bus. We have lost a great man, player, and friend whose absence will be felt

deeply by all of us."

A statement was also released on behalf of Remy's family.

"Jerry lived and breathed Red Sox baseball. Playing for his hometown team was a dream come true, and to have the opportunity to have a second career as the voice of the Red Sox was all that he could have asked for.

"Thank you" doesn't adequately express the gratitude we feel for the fans. Over the last 13 years, we went through this ordeal with all of you rooting for us and offering words of hope. He heard you – we all heard you – and it was the love from all of you that helped him fight this battle for more than a decade. Cancer is a horrific disease, one that is all too prevalent these days. If you must endure something so grueling, there is no greater strength to help you through than that of Red Sox Nation. Dedicated and loyal until the end."



## WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL THURSDAY, NOV. 4**  
NY Jets at Indianapolis (-10.5)  
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFLN

**SUNDAY, NOV. 7**  
New England (-4) at Carolina  
1 P.M. CBS

Green Bay at Kansas City (pk)  
4:25 P.M. FOX

Tennessee at LA Rams (-7.5)  
8:20 P.M. NBC

**MONDAY, NOV. 8**  
Chicago at Pittsburgh (-6.5)  
8:15 P.M. ESPN

**NBA SATURDAY, NOV. 6**  
Boston at Dallas  
8:30 P.M. NBCSB

**NHL SATURDAY, NOV. 6**  
Boston at Toronto  
7 P.M. NESN/NHLN