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EAST BOSTON HOLDS FIRST HOLIDAY BAZAAR



The first annual East Boston Holiday Bazaar was held at the ICA Watershed. Organized by Veronica Robles, the event had many dance performances that drew a sizable crowd that were offered a wide array of vendors selling unique and enchanting gifts. Above, Members of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Choir sing.



Shoppers browse through the unique items for sale at the



# Geraldine Estelona at the Dulce Tierra table. See Page 2 for

# North Suffolk Community Services cuts ribbon on Community Behavioral Health Center

Governor Charlie Baker and Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders today joined North Suffolk Community Services, a nonprofit provider of services for individuals of all ages needing mental health and/or addiction

treatment, recovery support local access to routine, urand those with developmental disabilities, to cut the ribbon on a Community Behavioral Health Center that represents a new model of behavioral health care. The newly designated CBHC, set to open on January 3, located at 14 Porter Street

gent, and crisis treatment for mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

North Suffolk Community Services, formerly known as North Suffolk Mental Health Association, also marked the occasion by unveiling its new name and brand identity.



Services; state Sen. Lydia Edwards; Brett Fiore, NSCS client; Judi Lemoine, NSCS Senior Vice

President of Clinical Operations and System Integration; Gov. Baker.

Gov. Charlie Baker helps cut the ribbon on North Suffolk Community Services' Community Behavioral Health Center at 14 Porter St., in East Boston. Pictured, from left, are Sec. Ma-

rylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services; state Rep. Adrian Madaro; state Rep. Jeffrey Turco; President and CEO Damien Cabezas, North Suffolk Community

been a visionary leader in health care and we are honored to have a key role in making mental health and addiction treatment more available, accessible, and equitable in our communities," North Suffolk Community Services President & CEO Damien Cabezas said. "North Suffolk has been a trusted, responsive community partner for nearly 65 years, and it's important to have a name that reflects that. The name 'North Suffolk Community Services' honors where we started, acknowledges where we are, and announces where we are going as we contin-

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Due to the Christmas Day Holiday being observed on Monday 12/26/22, trash will be delayed by one day Capitol Waste Services, **Inc** 

# CLF, GreenRoots appeal electrical substation decision

Special to the Times-Free Press

Conservation Foundation (CLF) and GreenRoots have filed an appeal with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court of a recent state decision that would allow a proposed electrical substation in East Boston to bypass an important permitting process. After hours of community testimony in opposition, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board decided to fast-track the project in a vote on November 29.

"How many times does the community have to say no to this facility while decision-makers fail to listen?" said Staci Rubin, Vice President of Environmental Justice at CLF. "At every turn, the state has ignored laws governing community input and

alternative location of these types of facilities. East Boston does not need vet another environmental burden, and we will continue challenging this substation until the end."

"For eight years the community of East Boston has fought this project and at no point was there ever a moment that Eversource or State entities like the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), tried to negotiate some sort of alternative solution," said John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots. "They've been jamming this project down our throats with the so-called 'mitigation mea-

sures' actually being paid See SUBSTATION Page 3

# Coletta names Ramirez Outreach and **Communications Manager**

Special to the Times-Free Press

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta has announced that Gabriela M. Ramirez (she/her/hers) will serve as Outreach and Communications Manager. Ramirez is a lifelong resident of East Boston and the proud daughter of Salvadoran immigrants. She is finishing her final year at Boston University, studying Political Science, Public Policy Analysis, and History. Gabriela was raised to advocate for her communities, particularly those often ignored. Her mother is National Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Alliance organizer, Ana Alonzo.

"I am thrilled to add Gabriela Ramirez to my team as Outreach and Communications Manager " said



Gabriela M. Ramirez.

Councilor Coletta. "From a young age, Gabriela has been a fierce advocate for the District One community, and especially the community. immigrant

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The Independent Newspaper Group office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday...

Deadlines for next week's issue will be Friday, Dec. 23 at noon



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#### EAST BOSTON HOLDS FIRST HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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those last gifts on the list.



Heidi Italiano with Quesos Y Fiambres selling pastries.



Veronica Robles and other Neigborhood luminaries cut the ribbon to officially inaugurate the first annual East Boston Holiday Bazaar.



Daniela Berrio of Daemmacrafts.



Diana Rodas and Angelica Vila Real with Decor Gifts offer party supplies and planning.



Adam Calus, Jason Torrey, and Carolina Florez.



Students from the Beverly Richards Dance Center perform.



Brenda Guichard with Colores de Mexico had many vibrant gifts for sale.



Lynn restaurant Taquerua Los Conpadres had a team offering tamales, burritos, and other Mexican food.



Gift shoppers look over the wares at Ikigai.



Dance instructor Beverly Richards prepares her students for their performance.



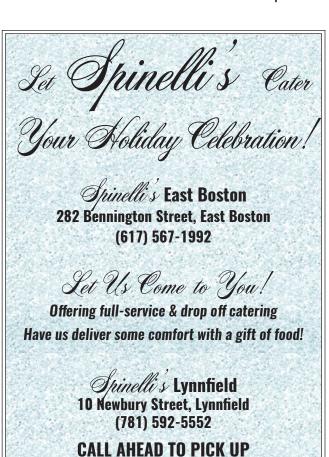
Veronica Robles Cultural Center dance Cristina Zarate-Ruiz performs a Peruvian dance called Marinera Nortena.



Dancers from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center perform.



The ICA Watershed was filled with visitors to see the performances and shop with the many vendors there.



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Members of Dancing Elotes are awarded with certificates upon completing the entrepreneurship program run by the Veronica Robles Cultural Center. The program teaches how to run a business, accounting, business models, and more. The graduates of the program stand with Gloribel Rivas (representing Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro), Boston City Hall East Boston Liaison Nathalia Benítez, Boston City Councilors Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards, Veronica Robles Cultural Center President Willy Lopez, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Assistant Secretary Juan Vega, Veronica Robles, and Jill Medvedow, the Ellen Matilda Poss Director of the ICA Boston

# Save the Harbor wants your ideas for free beach events

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is dedicating \$25,000 to make your dream event happen this summer on the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. Your participation is necessary to make this summer the best one yet. Save the Harbor's budgeting participatory process has already begun, so submit your ideas https://tinyurl.com/STHidea-collection-form.

Save the Harbor will host the five events that receive the most votes from the community. These events will take place on our region's public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull. The goal of participatory budgeting is to center community voices by asking the public what events they want to see on the region's beaches. With this process, Save the Harbor hopes to bridge access to the beach by engaging communities that may face significant challenges accessing the beach.

"Community members across the state share ownership of so many incredible beaches, so it is exciting to create programming that empowers people to harness that ownership and entrust the community with directly selecting a variety of events that make people feel genuinely excited to get outside and experience programs that reflects them, said Maya Smith, Partnerships and Program Development Director at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay."

In 2022, Save the Harbor centered community voices by distributing \$25,000 of Better Beaches

REGULAR MEETING

New Business

Old Business

Anticipated Adjournment - 7:30 pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday**, **December 27**, **2022**, **at 6:30 p.m**. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (**aka PIERPAC**) will be held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the extension of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 to permit virtual

organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before December 23, 2022.

Agreement (continued discussion)

the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting

at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc. By: Louise Montanino, President

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

a. Attendance 6:30 pm b. Approval of Minutes November 30, 2022 - 6:35 pm

a. 6:45 pm - Phase II construction update and review (w/public

b. 6:55 pm – Review of proposed legislative changes to PierPAC c. 7:05 pm – Review of proposed operating budget 2023

a. 7:20 pm - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM)

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND – English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also been posted on the organization's website at: <a href="www.EBPierPAC.org">www.EBPierPAC.org</a> and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20 The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Por la presente se notifica que el martes 27 de deciembre de 2022, a las 6:30 p.m., se llevará a cabo una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) de forma remota a través de Zoom de acuerdo con la extensión del Capítulo 22 de las Leyes de 2022 para permitir audiencias virtuales.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización (ebpierpac.org) a más tardar el 23 de deciembre de 2022.

El Comité tiene la intención de examinar en sesión pública la(s) cuestión(es) siguiente(s):

a. Asistencia 6:30 pmb. Aprobación del Acta 30 de noviembre 2022 6:35 pm

funds through a participatory budgeting process. Over 200 community members submitted ideas for the free events they wanted to see on the beaches this summer. More than 600 people voted on the winners: the Teen Beach Bash in South Boston, the Beats on the Beach Block Party in Dorchester, the Diversity Matters Festival in Lynn, which connected thousands of youth, families and community members to the beach to experience free, fun and accessible summertime activities.

"We hope to center the voices of people of color, people with disabilities, and non-native English speakers," said Maria Rodriguez Ortega, Public Policy Coordinator at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "These groups face barriers that prevent them from enjoying our region's beaches due to discrimination and limited access. We strive to make our beautiful natural resources welcoming, safe, and accessible to all."

Idea collection and voting are open for community members of all ages who live in Massachusetts or use Department of Conservation and Recreation beaches. To have your idea considered for the ballot, please create an idea that can be free and open to the public, can take place in Summer 2023, and complies with DCR beach usage guidelines. We will be prioritizing events that center people of color, people with disabilities, people who do not primarily communicate in English, and other groups that do not currently have equitable access to the wa-

To submit your idea for a free beach event, fill out the form at https://tinyurl. com/STH-idea-collectionform. You can also fill out the form at https://tinyurl. com/sts-idea-form-translated, translatable over 100 languages.

Save the Harbor will be collecting ideas until January 27th. These ideas will be used to create a ballot to be voted on by the public. Voting will take place from February 5th to March 6th. The winners will be announced at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Annual Shamrock Splash in partnership with Harpoon Brewery on March

The work we do at Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay would not be possible without the support of our Youth Program funders, including Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, The Coca-Cola Company, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts Bay Lines, Eastern Salt Company, Inc., Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, National Grid, Richard M. Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, Alexandria, The Boston Foundation, Boston Properties - Atlantic Wharf, Camp Harbor View Foundation, Cell Signaling Technology, City of Boston Department of Youth, Engagement & Employment, Comcast Foundation, Cronin Group, LLC, Exelon Generation, Goody Clancy, Hood Business Park, HYM Investment Group, Income Research and Management Charitable Fund, John Hancock Financial Services, Leader Bank Pavilion/Live Nation, Maine

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Select Postal facilities in the Massachusetts Rhode Island District are extending their hours and will provide full retail services, including stamp sales and package acceptance. Customers may click this link 2022 USPS Post Office Holiday Closings & Hours | USPS for the USPS holiday service schedule. Enter a ZIP Code to search for a Post Office near you to see the available services and holiday hours.

News in Brief

The Postal Service is focused on delivering for our nation this holiday season.

The MA / RI District

serves ZIP Codes 010 through 029.

#### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** POSTED

Evening Prayer by candle light with music by TAIZE. 5:30 Wednesday, Dec . 21. Christmas Eve with readings and carols. 5:30, Dec. 24 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 28 Paris Street, East Boston, (617) 569-6236. You are invited.

## Substation // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

for by rate-payers. The disdain shown towards the community is perhaps the greatest injustice of all."

CLF and GreenRoots have joined community residents in opposing this substation for years, but the state has allowed Ever-

source to bypass community input and critical environmental reviews. CLF and GreenRoots testified and pushed for a vote delay last month since most of the siting board members will be changing with the new administration in

January. Relevant regulations and policies will be changed in the coming months as well, but the board voted to approve the plans to bypass permitting

## Ramirez // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Her previous experience as Community Outreach Coordinator for the Boston Waterfront Initiative with The Trustees, Constituent Services Intern for Senator Ed Markey, and Youth Organizer for the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) make her a beyond ideal candidate for this posi-

Gabriela is passionate about youth empowerment, immigration, and environmental and climate justice. She first got involved in her community at a very young age, following along with her mother at various community meetings and protests. She then became a Youth Organizer for NO-AH's youth group, N-Yo. Most recently, she served as the Community Outreach Coordinator for The Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative. "Councilor Gabriela

Coletta is committed to serving District 1, and I'm excited to join her. Growing up in East Boston has fueled my passion for organizing, being involved in my community, and fostering relationships with those around me. I am honored to serve in this role alongside Councilor Coletta and her team to bring forward her vision and amplify our community's voices. I look forward to meeting new neighbors and seeing many familiar faces in District 1."

Ramirez will be joining Judy Evers (Charlestown Liaison), Elaine Donovan (Charlestown Liaison). Jack Imbergamo (North End Liaison), Sebastian Parra (East Boston Liaison), and Ellie Sanchez (Chief of Staff) to round out Coletta's team.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at elizabeth.sanchez@boston.gov.

# LEGAL NOTICE

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW Project: Boston Logan In-

ternational Airport Runway 27 End Runway Safety Area Improvements Project (EEA Location: East Boston, MA Proponent: Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) Massport has submitted the

Draft Environmental Assessment/Final Environmental Impact Report (Draft EA/ Final EIR) for the Boston Logan International Airport, Runway 27 End Runway Safety Area Improvements Project for public review in

accordance with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The document responds to all requirements of the Draft **Environmental Impact Report** (DEIR) Certificate issued by the Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of **Energy and Environmental** Affairs (EEA) on August 29, 2022, and was prepared in accordance with the FAA's NEPA requirements. The public comment period will begin on December 23,

2022, and end on January

23, 2023. Comments must

be submitted by close of

ing/) or by emailing MEPA analyst, Jennifer Hughes, at jennifer.hughes@state. ma.us: and \* For NEPA public comments by emailing FAA's **Environmental Protection** Specialist, Cheryl Quaine, at cheryl.j.quaine@faa.gov. An electronic copy of the document is available on

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\* For MEPA's Public

environmental-reports/ and printed copies are available for viewing at the Boston Public Library (Main Branch, Charleston Branch, and East Boston Branch), Chelsea Public Library, Revere Public Library, and Winthrop Public Library. Copies may also be obtained from Stewart Dalzell, Deputy Director, Environmental Planning & Permitting, Massachusetts Port Authority, at 617-568-3524 or SDalzell@massport.

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# bpda

# **Virtual Public Meeting**

# 2 Ford and 970 Saratoga St

January 4, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/2Ford970saratoga Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 876 4314



**Project Proponent:** 

#### **Project Description:** The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder.

Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 1/4/2022. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

Meeting of the general public to review the proposed 2 Ford and 970 Saratoga St project in East **Boston.** Please note that this is a Public Meeting.

The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed

by followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

Register Here: bit.ly/2Ford970saratoga

Tyler Ross (Project Manager)

Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201 617.918.4212

phone: email: tyler.c.ross@boston.gov website: www.bit.ly/2Ford-970Saratoga **Close of Comment Period:** 

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REGULAR MEETING

(con comentario público) b. 6:55 pm - Revisión de los cambios legislativos propuestos a

c. 7:05 pm – Revisión del presupuesto operativo propuesto para 2023

a. 6:45 pm - Actualización y revisión de la construcción de la Fase II

a. 8:00 pm - Enmienda al Acuerdo de Operaciones, Seguridad y

#### Negocio antiguo

Aplazamiento anticipado – 8:00 pm

Mantenimiento (OSM) (continuación del debate)

Al concluir su reunión ordinaria de trabajo y antes de levantar la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente hecha y secundada, puede celebrar una Sesión Ejecutiva de conformidad con G. L. 30A.s.21 al concluir la cual, la Junta no reanudará su reunión pública.

#### SE INVITA AL PÚBLICO Y BIENVENIDO A ASISTIR

Una copia de este aviso e instrucciones para la participación remota también se publicarán en el sitio web de la organización en: www.EBPierPAC.org y también se ha archivado en la División de Regulaciones del Secretario del Commonwealth por correo postal de primera clase al menos 3

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días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión

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#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro', everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

#### A GREAT WORLD CUP

We don't pretend to be big soccer fans, but even we were caught up in the excitement and the drama of the World Cup, which reached its climax this past Sunday with the exciting and exhilarating victory by Argentina in a shoot-out over defending champion France.

As long-time Boston sports rooters, we know of the passion that we and our fellow local fans have for our local teams. But our enthusiasm does not even come close to that of World Cup fans for their heroes.

The raw emotion among the fans in the stands, their raucous celebrations in the streets back home, and the individual stories of fans who traveled thousands of miles (and who spent their life savings) just to be on hand were epic.

Moreover, it was a World Cup for everyone, including the U.S., which qualified for the cup for the first time in eight years and made it through the knockout round, but especially for the fans of underdog Morocco, which became the first team from Africa and the Arab world to reach the semifinals.

At a time when there is so much misery and conflict in our world, the World Cup brought nations together as no other event can.

We'll be looking forward to the 2026 Cup when it will be hosted in No. America by the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

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# Forum



## GUEST OP-ED

## Light and strength for Christmas

Dr. Glenn Mollette

When I was a child at Tomahawk Elementary School in Martin County, Kentucky there were many kids who got little to nothing for Christmas. I had classmates who I would never ask if they got anything for Christmas because I already knew the answer. Some of these kids were just glad to be in school. At school they could receive a free lunch and have access to a bathroom which they didn't have at home. This also meant they could wash their faces and their hands which was difficult at home especially in the most of us didn't have much, what we did have seemed like a lot to those who had nothing.

This is where you need to stop and think. You stress about all you may not have but what do you have in comparison to those who have noth-

ing? Do you have a place to sleep? Do you have a comfortable bed? Is your house or apartment warm and comfortable? Do you know you will have food to eat on Christmas day? Do you have a television to watch? Do you have a telephone? Do you have a few dollars in your pock-

I'm very aware there are millions of Americans who are below the financial income poverty level. They have it tough. Our cities are filled with growing numbers of homeless populations. People are sleeping under bridges, overpasses and on riverbanks. Too many of these have met with unfortunate circumstances in life due to bad choices, addictions, unemployment, mental illness, and family issues. The list is never-ending. This doesn't make their lives any easier. Just because there is a reason for the problems doesn't make their burdens lighter or unnoticeable. Their reality is still harsh and painful.

Millions more immigrants are coming to America. Where will they sleep? Where will they work? Many of them will work for \$8 an hour and work hard but many of them will be homeless or stranded in homeless shelters on government dependence for a long time. Would any of us want to trade places with them? I don't think so.

Whatever darkness you are facing this Christmas is your reality. Seeing the hurts of others doesn't make your troubles go away. However, if you can be thankful for the life you have, then maybe Christmas will take on a whole new light.

Look to the most special gift of all this Christmas - the baby in the manger. Shepherds raced to see the baby just as the angels said they would. Wise men came from the

east and worshipped him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary and Joseph did the best they could as peasant parents of a new baby boy.

Keep the scripture of Isaiah 9:6 handy this Christmas. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor. Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Price of Peace.

May His peace comfort your heart and be your light and strength through this seasonand every day to come.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

# Coletta reflects on first seven months with annual report, wins for the community

Special to the Times-Free Press

Councilor Gabriela Coletta recently released her 2022 Annual Report reflecting on her first seven months on the Boston City Council. In the report, she highlights funding wins, community service initiatives, policy and organizing efforts, and looks ahead to priorities on the Council and in our neighborhoods for 2023.

"As we close 2022, I'm proud to share our important work over the past seven months and what I'm advocating for in the new year. As promised when I was interviewing to work for you, I hit the ground running and I'm incredibly honored to serve district one every day."

Coletta states she's prioritized staying deeply rooted in the community while being as accessible and responsive as possi-

"Together, we fought for more housing affordability, environmental justice and climate resilience, quality public education for kids, and so much more. ... In the community, I remain committed to improving quality of life for all residents through efficient municipal services. We've advocated for more transparency, held special interests accountable, and organized service projects to help beautify our neighborhoods."

Coletta mentions that she looks forward to implementing a robust agenda that envisions a brighter and more inclusive Boston in 2023 and beyond.

Highlights of the report

include: Over \$500,000 in budget amendments to im-

prove city services and

quality of life in District

oversight of Federal ARPA investments in affordable housing preservation, school infrastructure, food access, and youth and senior programing Calling for a dis-

Once-in-generation

trict-wide, comprehensive plan for our waterfront to protect against displacement due to coastal flooding and storm surge

Zoning Board of Appeals systemic reforms and prioritizing planning before development

Coordination of construction and utility street work while improving technology systems for permits

Standardizing an environmental justice and climate change curriculum in

Boston Public Schools Fostering a welcoming and inclusive City by supporting migrant families and policies supporting

our LGBTQ+ residents

Encouraging residents to give back to their neighborhoods through com-

munity service projects "It has been a privilege to serve a district that I love and that has given me everything. I am hopeful that we can expand prosperity and continue to foster the vibrancy of Charlestown, East Boston and the North End, together."

Coletta encourages residents to reach out to her office for a meeting for suggestions and ideas to solve our most persistent issues. To see her 2022 Annual Report in full, please visit bit.ly/2022ColettaReport for English and bit.ly/2022ColettaReporteAnual for Spanish.

For additional information please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at elizabeth.sanchez@boston.gov.

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#### COLETTA ORGANIZES A VIEWING PARTY OF THE FINAL GAME OF THE 2022 WORLD CUP

Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta organized a viewing party of the final game of the 2022 World Cup at the BCYF Paris Street Community Center. This was done in partnership with Mayor's Offices Of Tourism, Immigrant Enhancement, and Housing Stability, along with sports organization Volo, Massachusetts Health Connector, East Boston Health

Center, NE Revolution,

East Boston Mutual Aid, Boston Police, and The Trustees. Attendees were treated to projector video as well as complimentary food and beverages. This event provided a safe and fun place for neighbors to watch this anticipated match, participate in this global event by bringing together the community, and also provide awareness and access to City and social services.



soccer fans attending the watch party at the BCYF Paris **Street Community Center.** 



Fabiano Latham, Bianca Suchite, Joshua Serrano, and Katty Segura with Massachusetts Health Connector.



French team fans react to a goal.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta with Courtney White from the Office For Immigrant Enhancement and Danielle Johnson and Katie Christy with Office Of Housing



rgentina fans react to their team winning the World



Boston Police officers were on hand in case soccer hooliganism breaks out.



Argentina fans react to their team winning the World Cup.



The BCYF Paris Street Community Center was full of soccer fans excited to watch the final game of the 2022 World Cup.



Soccer fans react to a play in the game.



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Argentina fans react to a goal scored.

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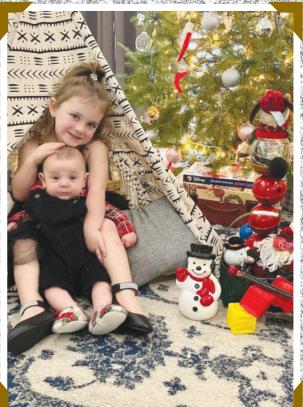
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# **Sports**

#### LADY JETS FALL TO TECHBOSTON 54-12

Powerful TechBoston put on a basketball clinic, rolling to a 54-12 win over the Lady Jets Thursday, December 15, at East Boston High School.



Sterling Marte (11) leads the break up-court after coming down with a rebound.



Ebaline Oliva (23) snags a rebound from a pair of Tech defenders.



Brandy Aguilar (5) looks for room to put up a shot over a Tech defender.



Jenna DeSilva (2) chases a loose ball.



Cindy Alfaro (3) tangles with a Tech forward for a loose ball.



Gianna Troville (4) tries to fight away past a Tech defender.

## Center // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ue to build on the services we offer, such as opening a CBHC, to strengthen the safety net and improve access to a continuum of care

for our community." Through its Community Behavioral Health Center, North Suffolk will be offering an accessible front door to mental health care and treatment for substance use disorders by further expanding same-day evaluations and referrals to treatment; adding more evening and weekend hours; enhancing timely follow-up appointments; and offering more peer support and evidence-based behavioral health treatment – including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) – both in-person and via telehealth.

Part of a statewide network of 25 newly designated CBHCs rolling out in early 2023, North Suffolk will deliver 24/7 community-based mobile crisis intervention and stabilization as an alternative to overwhelmed hospital emergency departments, for individuals of all ages in East Boston, Chelsea, Revere,

Winthrop, and Charlestown.

"The goal of the Roadmap for Behavioral Health reform is to make ambulatory behavioral health care far more accessible to every Massachusetts resident, when and where they need it," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "We are deeply appreciative of North Suffolk Community Services and all of the other community-based providers working

to make that a reality." Community Behavioral Health Centers are an important component of the state's Roadmap for Behavioral Health Reform, launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in February 2021. The Roadmap is a multi-year blueprint, based on listening sessions and feedback from nearly 700 individuals, families, providers and other diverse stakeholders who identified the need for expanded access to treatment, more effective treatment, and improved health equity.

The 14 Porter Street site was once the East Boston Relief Station, an affiliate

of what was then Boston City Hospital, and provided health care and hospital services to neighborhood residents until approximately 1970.

Founded in 1959, North Suffolk Community Services (formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association) touches the lives of nearly 15,000 people annually in more than 75 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown, and Boston. North Suffolk supports adults, children, and families across the lifespan who are coping with behavioral health issues, substance use disorders and/ or have developmental disabilities. The organization employs over 1,000 talented individuals who provide services in nine languages, including ASL, through four outpatient clinics; 39 residential programs; two Recovery Support Centers; and a Recovery Learning Center. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline. Visit northsuffolk.

# NORTH SUFFOLK COMMUNITY SERVICES HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

North Suffolk Community Services held an Open House Dec. 15 for the new Community Be-

havioral Health Center located at 14 Porter St., East Boston.

NSCS President and

CEO Damien Cabezas welcomed officials and residents on their visit and tour of the new center.



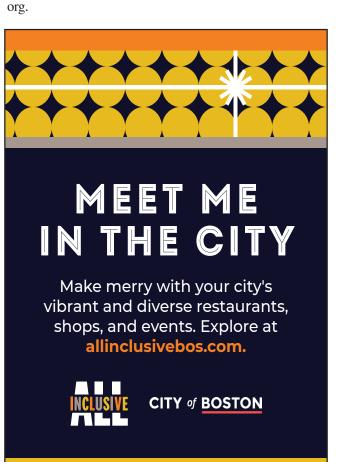
Pictured at the Open House for North Suffolk Community Services' new Community Behavioral Health Center in East Boston are, from left, Suffolk County DA's Office Intern and Paralegal Isabelle Stacks, DA's Office Chief of Community Engagement True See Allah, NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas, DA's Office Chief of Staff Padraic Lydon, NSCS Director of Recovery Katie O'Leary, First Assistant DA Kevin Mullen, NSCS Senior Vice President Judi Lemoine, Director of NSCS Community Behavioral Health Center Sam Green Atchley, and Deputy Chief of District Courts Marc Tohme.



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Pictured at the Open House event for the Community Behavioral Health Center are, from left, NSCS Director of Recovery Katie O'Leary, Chelsea District Court Presiding Justice Matthew J. Machera, NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas, Chelsea District Court Justice Jane D. Prince, NSCS Assistant Vice President of Clinical Services Audrey Clairmont, and Chelsea District Court Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna.

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#### LYDIA EDWARDS CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY AT THE REEL HOUSE IN EAST BOSTON



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**Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards** with Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok.



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Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (2nd from left ) with Juan Contreras, Luis Robles, and Matthew Broude.



Lydia Edwards' Chief Of Staff Eduardo Moreno-Mendez, Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta with her Chief of Staff Ellie Sanchez, Chief of Staff for State Rep Adrian Madaro Gloribel Rivas, and Andretti Stanziani.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Claria Dosantos and her husband Anderson (far right) and Juliano and Natalia Fernandez.



Navy Yard Hospitality Group manager Rachel Engdahl and President Charlie Larner with Carrier and Associates



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (center) with Monique Nguyen and Natacha Thomas.



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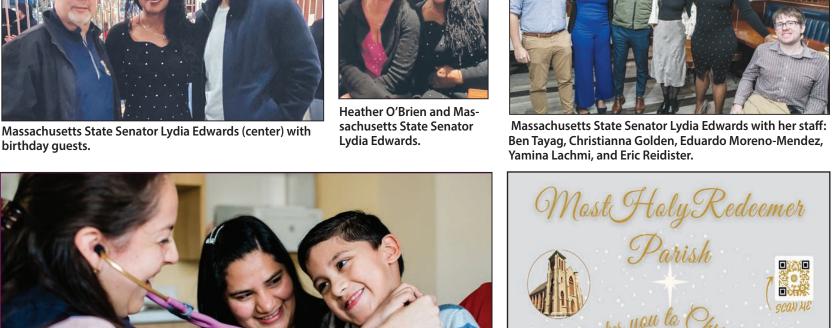


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Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards cuts into her birthday cake.

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# Fuel assistance benefit levels increased to \$2,200

At the urging of ABCD and other Community Action Agencies, more LIHEAP funding is now available to people in need this winter. The maximum benefit level has been increased to \$2,200, from \$1,600 which will help struggling families, individuals and elders to make it through the harsh winter season. ABCD continues to accept new applications for Fuel Assistance and encourages everyone to explore the potential for assistance.

Residents are urged to see if they meet the guidelines for the increased benefit. The program will run through April 30. 2030.

Residents of Boston, Brookline or Newton can apply by calling at 617-357-6012. Residents of Malden, Medford, Everett, Winchester, Melrose, Woburn or Stoneham can call 781-322-6284. Visit bostonabcd.org/heat for information about AB-CD's Fuel Assistance Program including a listing of neighborhood centers.

Application assistance is available in-person by appointment at all ABCD neighborhood centers including:

ABCD Central Office; ABCD Roslindale; Allston/Brighton Neighborhood Opportunity Center; Brookline Fuel Assistance; Chinatown; Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center; East Boston; John F. Kennedy Center; Mattapan Family Service Center; Mystic Valley Opportunity Center; Newton Fuel Assistance; North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center; Parker Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Service Center; Roxbury/North Dorchester Neighborhood Opportunity Center; South Boston Action Center and the South End Neighborhood Service Center. A Massachusetts-based

nonprofit human services organization, ABCD provides disadvantaged residents in the Boston and Mystic Valley areas with the tools, support, and resources they need to transition from poverty to stability and from stability to success. Each year, we serve more than 100,000 individuals, elders and families through a broad range of innovative initiatives as well as long-established, proven programs and services. For 60 years, ABCD has been deeply rooted in each neighborhood we serve, empowering individuals families and supporting them in their quest to live with dignity and achieve their highest potential. For more information, please visit bostonabcd.org.

# Boston Public Health Commission issues flu advisory to providers

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) issued an advisory to Boston health care providers alerting them about concerning levels of flu activity during the early stage of flu season, as well as the slow uptake of flu vaccinations and COVID-19 boosters.

BPHC is urging providers to apply the CDC's Health Advisory Network (HAN) recommendations to address increased respiratory virus activity and to mitigate severe strain on the healthcare system. recommendations call for COVID-19 and flu vaccination to prevent the spread of both illnesses; diagnostic testing to guide treatment and clinical management; treatment protocols for confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 and flu; and proactive messaging that supports public health outcomes to raise awareness about the current flu "The best way to avoid

getting sick with the flu and to reduce your risk of severe infection is getting your annual flu shot. Now that the holidays are here, taking this important, yet simple step is vital for protecting yourself and others when celebrating with friends and family," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Everybody 6-months and older should get their flu vaccination as soon as possible."

The Boston Public Health Commission has set up several standing sites in communities throughout the city to make it quick and convenient for residents to get their annual flu shots, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, and COVID-19 testing

All services are free for individuals ages 6-months and older, with no appointments or IDs required:

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### **Lillian Bostrom**

She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her

Lillian M. (Flot) Bostrom, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 13 at 99 years of age.

Lillian lived in East Boston all her life and was a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish. Lillian adored her family, spending time together and cooking for the holidays. She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

The beloved wife of the

late Walter Bostrom, she was the devoted mother of Geraldine "Dolly" Natale and her husband, Ralph, David L. Bostrom and his wife, Anita, Richard "Dickie" Bostrom and his wife, Diane, Darlene LoNano and her husband, Salvatore and the late Walter "Chucky" F. Bostrom and Marie Catanuso: cherished grandmother of 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two greatgreat-grand children. She was predeceased by her grandson, Brian Bostrom and great-granddaughter, Sofia Catanuso.



honored Lillian's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Monday, December 19 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston for a Funeral Mass celebrating Lillian's life. Services concluded with Lillian being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Walter at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. May they rest in

Following Lillian's way of giving, please omit flowers and perform an act of kindness, giving back to those around you. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

# Rino DiCenso Of East Boston

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Rino DiCenso of East Boston, formerly of Italy, passed away on December 19.

The beloved husband of

Anna Maria (Scannella), he was the devoted father of Anthony DiCenso and his wife, Anna of Saugus, Fabio DiCenso and his wife, Wendy of East Boston and Concetta Carenza and her husband, Benedetto of Peabody; dear brother of the late Maria and Anna; cherished grandfather of Rino, Sadie, Fabianna, Nico and Jeweliana and adored great grandfather of Elijah.

Family and friends will honor Rino's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Orient Heights) East Boston,



on Thursday, December 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for a 10 a.m. mass celebrating Rino's life. Services will conclude with Rino being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

To place a memoriam in the Times Free Press, please call 781-485-0588



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You're thought of so sadly and
missed more than you'll ever know.
Your spirit will live on...not only
on Christmas...but, with affection and

Each and every day.

Love,

Tony

love in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers –

Mary Stefano

Hairstylist, Beauty Merchandiser and Winthrop Town Meeting member

Mary Paula (Gravallese) Stefano, 80, passed away on December 14 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Born in Malden, the be-

loved daughter of John M. and Camille M. (Casella) Gravallese, she was raised in East Boston, where she attended Fitton. She later obtained her hair dressing license and was employed as a stylist and teacher at Solari Hair Salon in Winthrop.

She married Frederick Stefano, Jr., in 1964, after a seven-year courtship, and enjoyed almost 60 years of marriage.

The couple started their life together on St. Andrew Road in Orient Heights and then moved to Winthrop, where they raised their daughters.

Mary was well known

in the community and was busy working from home, cutting, coloring, and perming the hair of her friends and neighbors.

She enjoyed all the community had to offer, including being a town meeting member, spending days at Winthrop Beach with friends and family and riding her bike, alongside the other moms, with her toddler daughter on the back.

She eventually became a beauty merchandiser for Revlon and later represented Lancôme at Macy's. Everyone who knew her admired her impeccable style and beauty. Family brought Mary

happiness. She and her daughters were very close, and she found further joy with the birth of her grandchildren.

She was fortunate to have many lifelong friends from childhood, in addition to those she made throughout her life. Mary was the number

one fan of her husband's artwork. Above all, she loved to travel throughout North America and Europe.

In later life, she was her husband's companion in his golf cart, riding around the course at the Winthrop Golf Club, and on many days, Mary and Fred could be spotted walking along the shore of Constitution Beach in East Boston.

Mary took pleasure



in spending time at her daughter's New Hampshire lake house, so it was fitting that for her final years, she was cared for with love and dignity by the wonderful staff at Grace House in Windham.

Mary was the cher-

ished wife of Frederick of Winthrop; devoted mother of Lisa Stefano of Winthrop and Jennifer and Brian Becker of Pelham, New Hampshire; dear grandmother ("May May") of Elizabeth and the late Kathryn Haggerty of Winthrop and Andrew and Aiden Becker, both of Pelham, New Hampshire. She was the treasured sister of John J. Gravallese and his late wife Roberta, both of Wakefield and the late Richard Gravallese. Mary is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours at Vertuccio & Smith Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Route 107), Revere, on Wednesday, December 28 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will begin from the funeral home on Thursday, December 29 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston, at 11 a.m.

Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances in her name may be made to Uncommon Threads (uncommonthreads org/mone

monthreads.org/monetary-donations; specify Mary's name in the comment section).

Online condolences may be made by visiting vertuccioandsmith.com.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Birthday Remembrance

#### Rosemarie Y. (Mona) Leone Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1935 — Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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of all your love, and nurture that you showed to each and everyone of us. Since you left us, our lives changed and we will never be the same. Today is your birthday, and we'd give anything to kiss, hug and celebrate with

you. You will always be in our hearts and prayers and hope your celebrating with your loved ones in Heaven. Ma, Happy Heavenly Birthday our Beautiful Angel

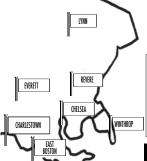
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# Wu announces the space grant program to help small businesses

Mayor Michelle Wu today announced the launch of the SPACE Grant program in partnership with the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion (OEOI). The program will identify creative ways to bring people back to major commercial districts, revitalize the economy as we emerge from the pandemic, and close the racial wealth gap. Through this program, up to 50 local entrepreneurs will receive substantial grant funding to help them open new storefront businesses in vacant commercial spaces across Boston, with particular emphasis on major commercial hubs like Copley, Downtown, Fenway, and Seaport to increase the diversity of storefront businesses in these neighborhoods.

The SPACE (Supporting Pandemic Affected Enterpris-Community es) Grant program will provide grants of up to \$200,000 over a three-year period to subsidize rents, upfront capital costs, and necessary infrastructure to help local, small, diverse businesses seeking to fill vacant storefronts. The City plans to collaborate with MassDevelopment, Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation, Downtown Boston BID, Main Streets, local commercial banks and CDFIs, and property owners to ensure that participating small business owners have access to additional financial resources and assistance to open and thrive in their new locations. The City expects the first cohort will include approximately 10-15 businesses.

"The SPACE grant program is critical to bolstering our local economy and will help local, small, diverse businesses open new locations across our neighborhoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This grant program addresses commercial vacancies by connecting entrepreneurs with crucial support and the chance to grow. I'm thrilled to launch this program and grateful to our Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Cabinet and all of our partners for their critical work to ensure that Boston's thriving, inclusive and equitable for all."

OEOI has received preliminary interest from a range of entrepreneurs through a recent survey and the Boston Main Streets. This initiative will prioritize helping Boston small businesses that were most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes, but is not limited to: • Arts, creative econo-

- my, and entertainment; • Childcare; • Fitness, recreation,
- wellness;
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  - · Restaurants; and Retail

The SPACE Grant program is funded by a \$9 million investment from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to aid in Boston's local economic recovery, and will support both entrepreneurs looking to open their first brick and mortar storefront business, as well as current small businesses in the City of Boston looking to expand to new locations within the

Grantees will matched with technical assistance providers that are part of OEOI's Small Business Technical Assistance Program to set them up for success. In addition, grantees will benefit from workshops and oneon-one coaching to guide them through the operational steps of opening a new storefront location. These skills will include lease negotiation and other legal support, financial, marketing, or other areas of expertise. To assist inentrepreneurs, terested OEOI will hold a virtual workshop in mid-January 2023 focused on how to write a business plan for entrepreneurs. For more information, sign up for the City's small business e-newsletter.

"The SPACE Grant program is a direct response to the immense need for innovative ways to fill storefront vacancies and bring vitality to our neighborhoods that we heard from business owners on the ground, whether through our weekly Main Streets walks, surveys, or our one-on-one engagement," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "I am grateful to our team and our partners who built this program, and am happy to launch an effort that will bring about a more robust economy and greater

diversity to our city.' Businesses can apply to the SPACE Grant program online at: boston. gov/space-grant. Applications are available in multiple languages.

First cohort application deadline: February 17,

Grantees chosen: April

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a SPACE Grant:

- · Business must be incorporated in a Qualified Census Tract OR one of the prioritized business industries mentioned above.
- Business must have fewer than twenty-five (25) employees (not including the business own-

• Business owners must

- provide proof of a Boston business address (e.g., a signed lease, business permit / license / title, utility bill in which the business is named directly, or other home office documentation).
- Business and business owners must be in good-standing with the City of Boston. • Business must provide

a copy of its up to date Business Certificate. The COVID-19 pan-

demic has negatively impacted Downtown and its businesses, and the Wu Administration remains committed to its Downtown Revitalization plan, announced in April 2022 address decreased foot traffic and consumer spending. As Boston aims to encourage people back to its commercial centers, the City is moving forward bold initiatives to increase consumer confidence and support small businesses. While Boston aims to activate spaces in all of our neighborhoods, the City is also seeking to ensure its Downtown core is flourishing. To learn more, please

visit: https://www.boston. gov/space-grant

## Wu joined City officials to discuss winter preparations currently underway

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu joined City officials at the Public Works yard on Frontage Road to discuss winter preparations currently underway in the City of Boston, and resources to offset rising utility costs available to residents, including older adults and individuals experiencing homelessness. This year, three minority-owned businesses (MBEs) and or women-owned businesses (WBEs) were awarded contracts for the clearing, plowing, and salting of staircases and footpaths across

the City. "From the tools to clear snow from our City streets, to resources to help residents save on their electric bills - Boston stands ready for winter weather," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This year we're also proud that several of our snow removal contracts are also investing directly in our local communities. I encourage residents to get ready, check our snow clearing regulations, and check in on neighbors.'

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 40,000 tons of salt onhand to treat City streets. Along with 170 pieces of in-house snow clearing equipment, the PWD has the capability to place over 800 additional pieces on the roads during larger storms. As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms and to ensure the safety of riders following events, PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston's dedicated bike lanes.

This year three companies owned by women or people of color were awarded snow removal contracts, with two of those contracts being part of the City of Boston's Sheltered Market Program to advance equity in procurement with direct outreach support from the Department of Supplier and Workforce Diversity. To assist the Public Works Department during snow and ice control operations, bids were issued to clear, plow, and treat staircases and footpaths across the City of Boston before, during, and after inclement weather events.

These one-year contracts were divided into five separate zones and awarded to Casablanca Services Inc. (two zones), NS Contracting (two zones), and A & M Home Services (one zone). Both Casablanca Services and A & M Home Services are owned by people of color, while NS Contracting is both minority and women-owned. A & M is based in Dorchester and NS Contracting in Roxbury.

As temperatures drop and utility costs are expected to rise, Mayor Wu is reminding residents, small businesses, and local organizations to opt in to Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). This City-run program gives residents three options for electricity pricing and renewable energy. Even on the most expensive 100% renewable option, the average residential customer would save over \$70 versus Eversource's upcoming/winter 2023 Basic Service rate. On the cheapest BCCE plan (20% renewable energy currently, 22% starting January 2023) the average residential consumer would save nearly \$90/month. Individuals interested in learning more should visit Boston. gov/BCCE to opt in, opt up, or opt out at any time.

Rules on clearing snow:

• Property owners must fully clear snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after



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the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Curb and pedestrian ramps to the street should be cleared fully and continually over the duration of the storm to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. If a storm will last over an extended period of time, property owners are asked to continually check ramps abutting their property for compli-

- Removal of snow, ice from a private property to the street or sidewalk is pro-
- Failure to comply with the rules can result in fines issued by PWD's Code Enforcement Division. Fines associated with improper removal of snow can be found

Parking during a declared snow emergency:

- If a snow emergency is declared, cars will be ticketed and towed if parked on a posted snow emergency
- Space savers must be removed within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: space savers are NOT allowed in the South End and Bay Vil-
- During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents. A list of discounted parking garages can be found here.

Trash and recycling: During severe snow-

- storms, recycling and trash collection may be canceled, but this is extremely rare. Most often, severe snowstorms can cause delays in service. To view your neighborhood recycling and trash schedule, locate a textile dropbox in your neighborhood, and to find out what items you CAN and CAN'T recycle, download our free Trash Day App.
- Crews have a difficult time reaching trash barrels and recycling carts placed behind snowbanks. Please clear an area at the curb for collection or place containers next to or in front of snowbanks. Caring for vulnerable

populations: • If you see homeless and

- vulnerable individuals out in the cold who appear immobile, disoriented or underdressed for the cold, please call 911. • The Boston Public Health Commission
- (BPHC) utilizes a city-wide network of emergency shelters, outreach providers, city agencies and first responders to assist those in need of Boston's emergency
- shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and amnesty is in place for those with nonviolent restrictions. Men can access shelter at the 112 Southampton Street Shelter, and women should go to the Woods-Mullen Shelter at 794 Massachusetts Ave. BPHC and the City work closely with shelter providers in the city to ensure that no client is with-

• From Monday through

Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.,

out shelter, food, resources, and a warm respite from the

please call 617-534-4440 to facilitate access to shelters. Outside of these hours, guests should access shelter directly.

 During extreme cold weather, street outreach teams operate with extended hours and provide mobile outreach vans on the streets in the evening and throughout the day. Safety tips:

- If you are able, keep catch basins and fire hydrants clear of snow and debris. This will help prevent flooding and allow for access in the event of an emergency. For a map of catch basins and fire hydrants, visit here.
- Shoveling snow requires significant exertion; please be cautious and pay attention to symptoms. Stop if you feel chest pain, shortness of breath, lightheaded, nauseous/vomiting. Call 911 if those symptoms do not resolve quickly. • Snow piles can make
- navigating intersections dangerous for walkers and drivers. Please take extra care when turning corners with snow piles that might limit visibility. Carbon monoxide poi-
- soning is a concern during winter weather, especially with the use of generators. Residents should use their home heating systems wisely and safely, and have a working carbon monoxide detector on each floor of the home. Call 911 immediately if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning. • Sitting in a car while
- idling can be deadly if the tailpipe is blocked. Do not let children sit in an idling car while shoveling. Clear any household exhaust pipes • Have a contractor check
- the roof to see if snow needs to be removed. If roof snow can be removed from the ground with the use of a snow-rake, do so with caution. Avoid working from ladders and be mindful of slippery surfaces. Dress for the weather:

· Wear several layers of

- loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. · Outer garments should
- be tightly woven and water repellent. Always wear a hat and
- cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs. • Dress children warmly and set reasonable time lim-
- its on outdoor play. Restrict infants' outdoor exposure when it is colder

than 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Watch for signs of frost-· Signs of frostbite in-

clude loss of feeling and

white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately. Watch for signs of hypo-

· These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If you or someone you know shows any of these symptoms, get in touch with a healthcare provider immediately. If symptoms are severe, call 911.

Heating guidelines for property owners and ten-

- In accordance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, the heating season officially begins on September 15 and runs through June 15. Property owners must heat habitable spaces at a minimum temperature of 68° between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 64° between 11:01 p.m. and 6:59 • In cases of emergency,
- property owners are encouraged to keep a list of licensed contractors (electrician, plumber and general contractor) on file. Tenants experiencing problems with their heating system should check the thermostat, ensure the dial is turned on, and report insufficient or no heat problems to the property owner or manager immedi-
- If your landlord or property manager is unresponsive, contact the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) at (617) 635-5300 to file a complaint, or call 311. Heating safety:

- Never try to heat your home using a charcoal or gas grill, the kitchen stove, or other product not specifically designed as a heater. These can cause a fire or produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide very quickly. • Have your heating sys-
- tem cleaned and checked annually.
- Make sure all vents are clear of snow or any other debris. Install and maintain
- smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible gas produced whenever any fuel is burned. Common sources include oil or gas furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, stoves, and some space heaters. It has no smell, taste, or color. It is a poison and is deadly. Tips to keep water flow-

ing and pipes unfrozen during extreme cold: • The Roston Water and

- Sewer Commission recommends homeowners locate a home's main water shut off valve, and learn how to use it. Should a frozen pipe burst, shutting the main valve quickly will minimize flooding and property dam-
- Homeowners should insulate pipes in unheated areas like basements, garages and crawl spaces. Use inexpensive hardware store materials to prevent pipes from freezing and to keep warm water flowing. • Circulate warm air
- around pipes by keeping cabinet doors open. Circulate a trickle of tap water through pipes during extreme cold to help prevent them freezing up. · Locate your water meter, protect it from drafts,
- and make sure basement doors and windows are shut tight. • If pipes do freeze, slow thaw with a hair dryer. Nev-
- er use an open flame to thaw pipes. If water is lost in all taps, call BWSC 24-hour Emergency Assistance Line at 617-989-7000. Emergency home repair resources:

• Income-eligible homeowners and Boston's res-

Home Center at 617-635-

• Never use a torch to

HOME (4663).

- on life-support devices; and idents over age 62 can re-• If you have medication ceive assistance with winter that requires refrigeration, emergencies and repairs, check with your pharmasuch as fixing storm damcist for guidance on proper age, leaking roofs or leakstorage during an extended ing/frozen pipes. Grant and loan funding is available. Tips for what to do during For assistance, residents a Power Outage: • Follow instructions should call the Mayor's hotline at 311 or the Boston from public safety officials.
  - Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies

thaw a frozen pipe. Always Call your utility compacall a professional plumber ny to report power outages to troubleshoot your proband get restoration informa-

• In addition, the Mayor's

Seniors Save program helps income eligible Bostonians

over the age of 60 replace

old, inefficient heating sys-

tems with a brand new heat-

ing system before a failure

occurs during the cold win-

ter months. Grant and loan

funding is available. Eligible

owners should also call 311

or the Boston Home Center

at 617-635-HOME (4663)

to be connected with a City

staffer to provide additional

Tips to increase home en-

• Disconnect the water

Wrap or cover exposed

Caulk or putty windows.

Ensure kitchen and

· Close all storm win-

Apply weather strip-

• Properly insulate all

• Install insulated or

• Don't forget to close

heavy drapes to keep cold

the damper to a wood burn-

ing fireplace after each use.

Consider a chimney balloon

if you don't have a damper.

a power outage:

Tips for what to do before

• Before a weather event

Ensuring that your

smoke and carbon monox-

ide detectors are working

Consider purchasing a

generator to provide power

during an outage. Follow

the manufacturer's instruc-

tions and learn how to use it

• Ensuring that you have

sufficient heating fuel. Con-

sider safe backup heating

options such as fireplaces or

• Have a landline phone

• Fully charge your cell

phone, laptop, and other

If you have a water sup

ply (such as a well-water

pump system) that could be

affected by a power outage,

fill your bathtub and spare

containers with water. The

water in the bathtub should

be used for sanitation pur-

poses only. You can pour a

bucket of this water directly

into the toilet bowl to flush

• Keep your car's gas tank

• Set your refrigerator

and freezer to their coldest

settings to keep food cold

(but remember to reset them

back to normal once power

devices, such as home dial-

ysis or breathing machines,

or other medical equipment

or supplies, that depend on

• Talk to your health care

provider about how to use

them during a power outage;

tric company and equipment

suppliers about your power

needs. Some utility compa-

nies will put you on a "pri-

ority reconnection service"

• Let the fire department

know that you are dependent

Contact your local elec-

• If you have life-support

full. Pumps at gas stations

may not work during a pow-

er outage.

is restored).

electricity:

with a corded receiver.

electronic devices.

safely before an outage.

woodstoves.

and have fresh batteries.

prepare your home by:

pipes that are exposed.

drafts from coming in.

bathroom dampers close

ergy efficiency:

properly.

dows and doors.

hose from the home.

- National Grid 800-322-
- Eversource (formerly NSTAR) 1-800-592-2000
- Stay away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live.
- If a traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a four-way stop.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy. • Use generators and
- grills outside because their fumes contain carbon monoxide. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working as it is a silent, odorless, killer.
- If possible, use flashlights instead of candles. If you must use candles, place them in safe holders away from anything that could catch fire. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Never go to sleep with candles burning.
- Unplug sensitive electronics to avoid power surges when power is restored.
- · Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need additional assis-

Tips for Driving in a win-

- Avoid driving during the worst part of the storm. If possible, only travel during daylight hours, don't travel alone, and stay on main roads instead of taking shortcuts.
- Consider taking public transportation.
- Clear snow and ice from windows, lights, hood, and the roof before driving.
- Don't try to out drive the conditions. Remember the posted speed limits are for dry pavement. Know the current road
- conditions. Call 511 from your cell phone or the following from either your cell phone or landline phone.
- Metro Boston: (617) 986-5511
- Brake early and correctly. It takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.
- Be wary of bridge decks. They freeze first, making them more dangerous than the approach road. Exit ramps sometimes
- have less anti-icing material than the main line. Be aware of this when exiting the highway. • Don't use "cruise control" driving in wintry con-
- ditions. Even roads that look clear can have sudden slippery spots. Using your brake on these spots will deactivate cruise control, possibly causing you to lose control of your vehicle. • Many 4x4 vehicles are heavier than passenger vehi-
- cles. This means it takes longer to stop than passenger vehicles. Be wary of your 4x4 vehicle's traction. Trucks are heavier than
- cars, making their brake time slower. Avoid cutting quickly in front of them. • Don't crowd the plow. Leave room for mainte-
- nance vehicles and plows. Stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the right. Always wear your seat
- · Let others know your destination, route, and ex-
- pected travel times. Allow for extra travel
- · Drive with your headlights on at all times to see
- including downed power lines. and be seen.

# For the first time since 2019, NOAH held its 35th Annual Dinner with more than 110 "Friends and Family" at Spinelli's on

the Dec.15. Phil Giffee, NOAH's Executive Director, said it was a real pleasure to be live with NOAH's new Board of Directors along with so many new friends as well as some colleagues who have been with NOAH for decades. He thanked Mayor Wu for generating millions more dollars for affordable housing in her announcement that afternoon of IDP and Linkage increases. He then introduced Rep Adrian Madaro, who spoke about his time on the NOAH Board as Vice-President. Adrian went table to table to say hello in his own gregarious manner. Hugs abounded. Adrian is known as a goto representative for many community development programs at the State House. Nathalia Benitez, from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services greeted the audience after spending the first part of the evening at the Harbor-View holiday party. Councilor Gabriela Coletta sent her regrets as she had a pre-existing family event.

Orlando Pacheco, NO-AH's Board President, welcomed people and spoke about the breadth of NOAH's work in East

#### NOAH HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER

Boston as well as developing affordable housing for those in need in Greater Boston. Latifa Ziyad, NOAH's Director of Community Building and Resilience, introduced one of NOAH's major new initiatives, building a Resilience Network in East Boston. She said there are already 35 agencies and local personnel who have signed up since NOAH's first Resilience Summit in September. She promised more outreach and organizing in 2023 along with the Office of Emergency Management to help prepare East Boston's many diverse residents, businesses, and small businesses to work with first



Latifa Ziyad, Director of Community Building and Resilience and Rep Adrian Madaro.

responders in the event of climate crisis or other disaster.

Latifa also presented the NOAH youth, N'Yo, who spoke of their glee for receiving a new laptop to help do their climate, environmental, open space and community work.



Linda Miller Foster who organized the event with Ed Doherty.

After Spinelli's killer chocolate cake, the evening wrapped up with a fun raffle of food and drink from local small businesses. Diana Franco and Linda Miller Foster of NOAH handed out the winning prizes, including



Dr. Krina Patel and Latifa Ziyad, NOAH's Director of Community Building and Resilience at the Annual Dinner at Spinelli's.

to two people who each won twice! It was a special evening to conclude a challenging year and a positive window looking towards 2023.



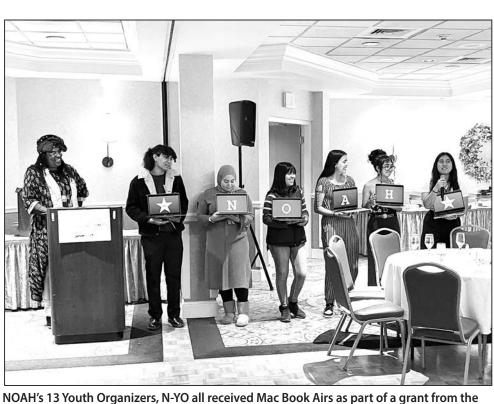
Ziyad, Director of Community building and Resilience at the Annual Dinner and Community Gathering.



Nathalia Benitez, from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services greeted the audience



Phil Giffee, NOAH's Executive Director, Dr. Carl Donaldson, and Latifa Ziyad, Director of Community Building and Resilience.



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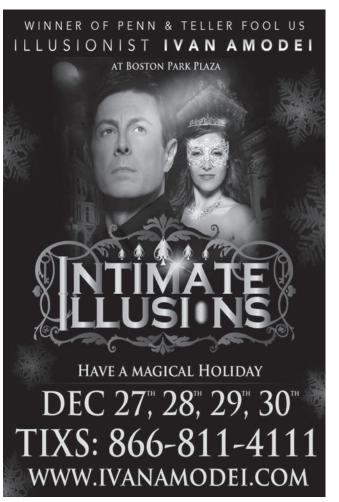
Children of NOAH's Volunteers sit at table at Community Gathering at Spinelli's on December 15.



Dr. Carl Donaldson, leads the attendees in a self-love, Qi-Gong exercise as an icebreaker for NOAH's Annual Dinner and Community Gathering, Dr. Donaldson has been running a workshop with the East Boston Resilience Network run by NOAH for the past week. Helping residents prevent burnout and assist with long and short-term mental and physical health exercises.



Rep Adrian Madaro, who spoke about his time on the NOAH Board as Vice-President.



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# **EBNHC** hosts listening session

On Thursday, December 15, East Boston Neighborhood Health was proud to host a listening session with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Director Melanie Fontes Rainer on President Biden's Executive Order on Securing Access to Reproductive and Other Healthcare Services. The meeting provided an opportunity for federal, state and local public health and community leaders, including Massachusetts State Representative Marjorie C. Decker, to discuss the essential role of federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in increasing access to reproductive

health care, a critical part

of advancing women's health equity.

EBNHC is a leading provider of care to women in our community, and this year alone, provided high-quality women's health care to more than 37,000 patients, 74% of whom are Hispanic and 83% of whom are a racial/ethnic minority.

For more information about your Reproductive Health Rights in the U.S., visit here https://reproductiverights.gov. For more information about how the U.S. Department of Justice is working to protect access to reproductive health services under federal law, visit www.justice.gov/reproductive-rights.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center



Featured from left to right - Everett Handford, HHS Region 1, Regional Director; Susan Rhodes, Regional Manager, Office for Civil Rights (OCR); Assaad Jean Sayah, M.D. Cambridge Health Alliance; Greg Wilmot, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), President & CEO; Melanie Fontes Rainer, OCR Director, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Rep. Marjorie C. Decker, MA. House of Representatives; Dr. Julio Mazul, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC; Ernani DeAraujo, Chief Legal Officer, EBNHC; Dr. Jackie Fantes, Chief Medical Officer, EBNHC; Phil Johnston, CEO, Johnston

(EBNHC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community health center in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EB-NHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston's South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

# Wu announces two-day hockey fan festival on City Hall Plaza

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the National Hockey League (NHL®) will hold NHL Winter Classic Plaza<sup>TM</sup>, a twoday free, non-ticketed fan festival on December 30th and December 31st on the newly reopened City Hall Plaza. City Hall Plaza will host interactive hockey-themed activities, including appearances by Boston Bruins alumni. NHL Winter Classic Plaza<sup>TM</sup> builds up to the 2023 Discover NHL Winter Classic®, an outdoor regular season hockey game that this year will be at Fenway Park on January

2nd, 2023.

"We're excited to host Bruins fans and Boston families for one of the first big events on City Hall Plaza since we reopened the space," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Especially during the colder months we need spaces to bring people together. I encourage everyone to come out to build community and get ready to cheer on the Bruins."

City Hall Plaza will treat hockey fans to many interactions and experiences, including autograph sessions featuring current and former Boston Bruins greats, family-friendly hockey interactives, giveaways, food, and an appearance by the oldest trophy in sports the Stanley Cup®. NHL Winter Classic Plaza<sup>TM</sup> will run Friday, December 30 from 2:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. A full list of activities that are free and open to the public can be found here.

"An event of this nature and size is exactly what we designed the renovated City Hall Plaza for," said Chief of Operations Dion Irish. "This is a great opportunity for Boston families to see the new features of the Plaza while

building excitement for the 2023 Discover NHL Winter Classic®. I want to thank the NHL for their partnership in hosting this family-friendly event."

The 2023 Discover NHL Winter Classic® outdoor game will feature the Boston Bruins facing off against the Pittsburgh Penguins at Fenway Park on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The hockey fan festival builds on Mayor Wu's vision to reimagine how the City can use public spaces to foster community and a family-friendly environment. In November, Mayor Wu reopened City Hall Plaza as a transformed civic space for all residents, with universal accessibility, new communal spaces, increased environmental sustain-

ability, and critical infrastructure improvements. Phase 1 of the City Hall Plaza reopening includes the planting of 250 new trees, 3,000 new shrubs, and over 10,000 new perennials and grasses. The renovation also includes an increase in green infrastructure through permeable surfaces that will soak up stormwater.

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**State Sentor** Lydia Edwards

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**Boston City Councilor** Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta



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