Borough President Adams Visits 1 Police Plaza to Call for Unified Command of Our Law Enforcement Apparatus and for Personal Protection Equipment for All Police Officers.

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A “new normal.”

That’s what we’re all being told we must conform to as we Brooklynites — New Yorkers, Americans, and citizens of the world — now strive to push through the seemingly unbearable, unthinkable, and impossible in the midst of the devastation of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Without question, life as we now know it is a far cry from the “normal” we knew only a relatively few short weeks ago.

The aggressiveness of the virus and the havoc it continues to wreak is unprecedented and unrelenting. And all Brooklynites are united in mourning the incalculable loss of lives, businesses, income, and freedom. The thousands of lost lives that we have been forced to confront, and inconceivable pain we must endure, can never be underestimated and will never be forgotten.

But what has been proven over and over again in this borough, in the face of devastation and despair, is that it is the strength, resiliency, courage, and basic humanity of its residents that make #BrooklynStrong. The tragedy left in the wake of this crisis will be felt by all of us for many years to come. However, we can, we must, and we will push through to brighter days on the other side — together, as One Brooklyn.

—Eric Adams
ONE BROOKLYN:

(top) BP Adams commended McCarren Park dwellers in Williamsburg for practicing social distancing on March 28th

(middle) BP Adams served up nutritious drinks at NYU Langone’s food truck food giveaway

(bottom) BP Adams (left) joined Bronx BP Ruben Diaz (far right) to distribute 1,500 facemasks to SSEU Local 371 workers in the Bronx
THE GIVING TREE:
(top) BP Adams received PPE supplies donated from China from Brooklyn Borough Hall Chinese Relations Ambassador Winnie Greco
(middle) BP Adams gathered food donations from Nick’s Lobster and delivered it to hospital workers in Brooklyn
(bottom) BP Adams delivered face masks to Jay Nechamkin, a branch chief at the New York City Department of Probation, in Downtown Brooklyn for distribution to probation workers
LIFE-SAVING PARTNERSHIPS:

(top) BP Adams helped prepare meals alongside Pakistani American Youth Society (PAYS) members for disbursement to hospital workers

(middle) BP Adams stood with Mercy for Animals (MFA) and hunger-relief charity Community Solidarity to distribute plant-based meals in Bedford-Stuyvesant

(bottom) BP Adams accepted face mask donations from Buddha’s Light International Association in Flushing
NYCHA GETS COVERED:

(top) BP Adams distributed PPE at Seth Low Houses

(middle) BP Adams distributed PPE at the Breevort Houses

(bottom) BP Adams and Borough Hall staff created face mask and information packets for those living in NYCHA housing
Please click on the links below to learn more about the BP’s efforts to provide relief and services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

March 12, 2020
As City Encourages Remote Options Such As Telecommuting And Virtual Conferences To Combat Spread Of Coronavirus, BP Adams And Local Doctors Call For Expansion Of Telemedicine, Mobile Testing Centers, And Social Adult Daycare Teleconferencing

March 14, 2020
BP Adams Statement On City’s First Reported Death Due To Covid-19 Pandemic

March 14, 2020
BP Adams Statement On Confirmation Of Coronavirus Diagnoses In Brooklyn State Legislative Delegation

March 15, 2020
As Calls Grow To Close Public Schools In NYC Amid Coronavirus Outbreak, BP Adams Joins Sussman Education To Provide Free Options And Resources For Online Academic Continuity

March 17, 2020
As Health Care Facilities Contend With Growing Number Of Emergency Room Visits, BP Adams Joins Brooklyn Hospital In Unveiling New Tent Facility To Pre-Screen Potential COVID-19 Cases

March 17, 2020
BP Adams Video Invites New Yorkers To Join Him In Managing Coronavirus Anxiety And Isolation Through Remote Practice Of Guided Meditation

March 17, 2020
As NYC Residents Suffer From Loss Of Services Due To Spread Of Coronavirus, BP Adams Unveils New Online Resource To Coordinate Provision-Essential Services To Struggling Brooklynites; Launches “Stay Strong Brooklyn” Campaign
March 19, 2020
BP Adams And Brooklyn Chamber Of Commerce President Peers Joint Statement On Call For Suspension Of Sales And Payroll Tax Collection Due To COVID-19 Pandemic

March 19, 2020
As Number Of Confirmed Cases Of COVID-19 Rises Rapidly Throughout NYC, BP Adams Joins Brooklyn Hospital To Promote Telemedicine Command Center For Pre-Screening Potential Cases

March 20, 2020
BP Adams Statement Calling For City And State To Implement Moratorium On Payment Of Rent And Utilities For NYC Residents

March 22, 2020
BP Adams: Newly Identified Temporary Hospital Sites Should Include A Site In Brooklyn, Current Epicenter Of COVID-19 Pandemic In NY

March 23, 2020
BP Adams Launches ‘Feed First Responders’ Initiative With Local Businesses And Non-Profits

March 24, 2020
Fresh Direct Partners With All Five New York City Borough Presidents To Roll Out “Operation 5-Borough Food Drive” Citywide Initiative

March 24, 2020
Rent Relief Now: Borough Presidents Adams And Brewer, Council Members Cornegy And Powers, Tech Leader Release Plan For $8B Locked Up In Cash Security Deposits To Be Used For New Yorkers To Pay April Rent

(a.) BP Adams partnered with Kate Farms and the Campaign Against Hunger to give out plant-based meal replacement shakes to vulnerable seniors and local residents in need
March 25, 2020
**As Local Restaurants Step Up In Time Of Need, BP Adams, Shorefront Coalition, And Pakistani American Youth Society Join Local Food Service Workers In Preparing 1,500 Meals For City's First Responders**

March 26, 2020
**BP Adams Calls On Mayor De Blasio To Extend Quarterly Property Tax Deadline**

March 26, 2020
**BP Adams Statement On Selection Of Brooklyn Cruise Terminal As Temporary Hospital Site For COVID-19 Treatment**

March 29, 2020
**BP Adams Statement On COVID-19 Fatalities In FDNY, NYPD, And Brooklyn's Faith Community**

April 1, 2020
**On Census Day, BP Adams Emphasizes Need To #MakeBrooklynCount Amid Early Low Response**

(a.) Faith organizations and individuals are welcome to join in 24 hours of prayer. Click to join

(a.) Virtual vigils are being held every Monday. Click the image above if you are interested in joining or hosting
POLICY INITIATIVES

It became increasingly clear that a herculean effort was going to be needed to ensure that residents and businesses could remain safe and economically whole throughout the COVID-19 crisis. The Office of the Brooklyn Borough President has been active in advocating for and advancing policies to do just this, including:

• Calling for the State to suspend rent payments for residential and commercial tenants for 90 days. There are bills in Albany calling for this, and the State put a 90-day hold on evictions, but not rent.

• Calling for the State to suspend sales tax payments by businesses. The State responded that the deadline will remain the same, but the late fees and interest on late payments will be forgiven.

• Calling on the State to waive costs for setting up a telemedicine appointments. The State announced that the New York State Department of Finance (DOF) will waive telemedicine co-payments.

• Calling for a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions. The State issued a moratorium on March 20, 2020.

• Calling for faster testing and pre-screenings for COVID-19. He helped open a pre-screening tent at The Brooklyn Hospital Center.

• Calling on the State to move State tax filing deadline to July 15, 2020, the same date selected by the Federal government. The New York State deadline is now July 15, 2020.

• Calling on the State to allow social adult daycares to have teleconferencing abilities. They recently announced it will be allowed.

• Calling on the City to provide one video conferencing platform so as to avoid confusion and technology issues. The City provided WebEx for use by all community boards and agencies.
RELAX, RELATE, RELEASE:

(top) BP Adams participated in, and encouraged others to join in, a guided meditation to combat the stress of isolation and living in the current pandemic. Click on the image to view the video.

(middle) BP Adams hosted a Netflix viewing party for *The Game Changers*, with future viewing parties in the queue.

(bottom) Digital workshops, such as “Live Financially Clean” are available. Click the graphic to RSVP.
SELF-CARE
(CONTINUED)

DAILY LIVING:

(top) BP Adams enjoyed a healthy vegan Buddha bowl meal as he encouraged Brooklynnites to fill out their Census forms and #MakeBrooklynCount. Click on the image to view his Census video

(middle) BP Adams shopped for healthy fruit and vegetable choices to continue to improve his immunity

(bottom) BP Adams released a series of self-help videos including a tele-exercise video, a vegan ice cream video, and a healthy smoothie video. Click on the image to view
For specific COVID-19 inquiries, click here.

To help feed First Responders, click here.

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or call 718.802.3700

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