BP Adams visited Melquain Jatelle Anderson Drive to distribute masks with the slain Melquain Anderson’s daughter Melkenzye.
IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

Inequality leads to injustice. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis has laid bare existing inequalities in New York City in devastating ways. And the protests in our streets are a result of not only injustices in policing, but also the systemic failures of government to address the indignities faced by Black, Brown, and income-strapped communities that were already suffering from health and financial gaps that should have been closed long ago.

Bold steps are needed now to rescue the city from a long-term downturn due to the financial crisis. But as we launch our recovery, it is also the City’s responsibility to recover the right way by addressing these historical injustices once and for all. It would be unconscionable to rebuild the same shoddy structures that led to so much unnecessary, unequal death and pain. We must rebuild better and fairer.

Let's start with two numbers and work backwards: life expectancy and household income. The average life expectancy in New York City is 81 years. The average Black life expectancy is 77 years. The average Latino household earns $37,489 a year; Black households on average earn $42,602 a year; an average white household earns $80,301.

The goal is daunting, but clear: We must begin to close those gaps as we close our budget deficit. We must heal the physical and financial health of New Yorkers who are underserved and ignored. And we must get started now. There are ways to do it without relying on State and Federal help that may never come, and my plan of action in this regard can be found here.

Real Recovery NYC

One thing that can't be disputed is that the road to recovery will be a steep and sometimes difficult climb. But we're a family of New Yorkers. And even better, we're Brooklynnites, made of some of the toughest and most resilient stuff on Earth. If we're to survive, and thrive, we'll need to unify and collaborate to attack the future with an unrelenting spirit of commitment, equity, fairness, and hope. After all, a setback is just a setup for a comeback. Let's get busy.

—Eric Adams
BROOKLYN UNITED:

(top left) BP Adams visited the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where Brooklyn youth were manufacturing medical gowns

(middle) BP Adams visited the Council of Peoples Organization food distribution

(bottom left) BP Adams visited First Baptist Church’s food pantry in East Elmhurst, Queens

(bottom right) BP Adams joined Council Member Farah Louis, State Senator Kevin Parker, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke and the Pakistani American Youth Society organization to distribute masks, census information, and hot meals in East Flatbush
CONTINUING TO GIVE:

(top right) BP Adams distributed meals with United for Brownsville and Brighter Bites

(middle) BP Adams distributed masks with Cypress Hills East New York Coalition Inc.

(bottom left) BP Adams distributed masks during a visit to East Midwood Jewish Center

(bottom right) BP Adams was joined by local police and distributed masks to the Sea Gate community
June was a month that the globe will never forget. The injustice, anger, and pain of a people in protest, in fervent need of being heard. Black Lives Matter yesterday, they matter today, and they matter tomorrow.

Click on the photos to the left to access video messages that not only defined this month at Brooklyn Borough Hall but will continue to define the Black Lives Matter conversation in Brooklyn and beyond.
Please click on the links below to learn more about BP Adams’ efforts to provide relief and services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 4, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Ongoing Citywide Unrest

June 5, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Announcement of Governor Cuomo’s “Say Their Name” Reform Agenda

June 5, 2020
As NYC Youth Face Summer of Uncertainty, BP Adams Highlights Partnership Employing Local Youth To Manufacture Medical Gowns At Brooklyn Navy Yard

June 7, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Reports of Delays in Bus Service Yesterday During Evening Rush Hour in Bedford-Stuyvesant

June 8, 2020
In Response to Recent Instances of Police Misconduct, BP Adams Joins Brooklyn Community Boards and Precinct Councils to Demand Mayor Create Civilian Review Panels to Approve and Veto Local NYPD Precinct Commander Candidates

(top) BP Adams joined Black Men in Suits at Brooklyn Borough Hall to rally for justice.

(bottom) BP Adams led Black Men in Suits on a march for justice through Downtown Brooklyn.
June 8, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Jay Street Busway

June 9, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Street Vending
Enforcement Reform

June 9, 2020
As Demonstrations Continue to Roil NYC in
Wake of George Floyd’s Murder, BP Adams
Releases Video Addressing How NYPD and
Civilians Can Continue to Support Peaceful
Protests

June 11, 2020
BP Adams Statement on City Hall’s Fair
Restaurant Recovery Program

June 12, 2020
BP Adams Distributes Fresh Produce and PPE
with United For Brownsville and Brighter Bites

June 16, 2020
As NYC Youth Face Summer of Uncertainty, BP
Adams Unveils Results of Hackathon Envisioning
Alternatives to SYEP with Participating Brooklyn
Schools

(top) BP Adams stood in support with youth for a Black Kids Matter rally

(bottom) BP Adams prepared to address crowd at George Floyd memorial service at Cadman Plaza Park
June 18, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Mayor de Blasio’s Outdoor Dining Announcement for Phase Two Reopening

June 19, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Mayor De Blasio’s Announcement that Juneteenth Will Be A City Holiday and That Joralemon Street Will Be Painted with a Black Lives Matter Mural

June 22, 2020
As ‘311’ Complaints About Illegal Fireworks Skyrocket, BP Adams Joins Council Member Cornegy Demanding City Use Combination of Law Enforcement and Violence Interruption Resources to Address Brooklynnites’ Quality-of-Life Concerns

June 23, 2020

June 30, 2020
BP Adams Statement On FY21 Budget Agreement

(top) BP Adams joined in ‘A Freedom Ride’ on Juneteenth in support and appreciation of Black culture, history, and business
(bottom) BP Adams stood in support of CUNY funding with New York Communities for Change
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:

• Called for Juneteenth to become an official holiday. Mayor announced that it will be an official City holiday next year.

• Called for Universal Testing for COVID-19. The City now has universal testing.

• Called on the City to expand outside dining. Mayor announced that expanded outside dining without extensive permitting would be allowed to move forward.

• Called for safe opening of beaches and pools. Mayor announced that beaches would open on July 1ST. Fifteen of the City’s public pools have opened with others opening in the coming weeks.

• Called for Black Lives Matter (BLM) to be painted on Joralemon Street and for street to be co-named “Black Lives Matter Boulevard.” Joralemon Street was painted as a BLM mural and co-named “Black Lives Matter Boulevard”

• Called for stopping illegal fireworks at the source (out of state). Governor Cuomo announced more resources for this effort.

• Protect the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) funding. This was partially saved. There is $115 million allocated for summer youth. SYEP will receive about $51 million of that funding, enabling them to host half of the positions they normally fill.

• Protect CUNY funding. CUNY’s ASAP program was saved with $34.3 million in funding, but students still face a tuition hike and CUNY faculty faces major staff cuts.

• Protect Arts funding. New York City Department of Cultural Affairs saw an 11 percent cut in overall funding.

• Protect the Fair Futures program. The program was funded with $2.7 million, despite the ask for $10 million.

Click on the above for our fact sheets on Phase 3 in English and Spanish.
ONLINE VIDEO RESOURCES

While Brooklyn Borough Hall remains closed, digital resources remain available to all Brooklynites.

Click on the images to view videos and subscribe and turn on notifications here to view more videos.

(top) BP Adams thanked all those in our communities who have made masks donations

(middle) BP Adams spoke with Dr. Michael Greger, M.D. about pandemic prevention

(bottom) BP Adams hosted a virtual meeting on social distancing enforcement in a non-punitive manner
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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#BrooklynStrong

(above) BP Adams (second from left) and Deputy Brooklyn Borough President (DBP) Chaplain Ingrid Lewis-Martin (far right) joined The Campaign Against Hunger founder Dr. Melony Samuels (center) and volunteers for a food and PPE giveaway in Crown Heights

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