GUN VIOLENCE MUST STOP!
Symbolic shoes, in honor of one-year-old shooting victim Davell Gardner, Jr.
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

The recent confirmation by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) that, by the end of July, New York City had surpassed the total number of shootings that occurred in all of 2019, should be an issue of great concern to all who live in our city and this borough. These nearly 800 incidents of gun violence present stark proof of the depraved action of shooters that have resulted in the death, injury, and devastation experienced by victims and their families in an alarming cycle of brutality and lawlessness.

Perhaps the most heartbreaking and senseless case was that of Davell Gardner Jr., a one-year-old who was gunned down while sitting in his stroller at a cookout with his family. This, after they endured, and survived, months of being shut in during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's speculated that gang retaliation prompted the shooting, but one thing is clear: Little Davell did nothing to instigate the circumstances surrounding his untimely death and the shooting of three other victims at the scene. Did the shooter know they had struck and killed an infant? Did they even care?

It is unclear why there has been a spike in gun violence in the city and throughout Brooklyn, but what we do know is that we have the tools to fight back. We must rebuild the NYPD’s Anti-Crime Unit from the ground up, with the properly trained police officers to make it effective and just. We must double down on supporting our Crisis Management Systems that work to curtail retaliatory shootings among the many gangs across New York City. We must establish a regional gun task force to end, once and for all, the Iron Pipeline that is responsible for an estimated two-thirds of all criminal activity with guns. And we must rebuild the strained relationship between police and the community to ensure that real partnerships lead to real change in our neighborhoods. But at the core of all this is the need for the blatant disregard for human life—exemplified by those perpetrating the crimes, and by those who know the culprits pulling the trigger, but who fail to come forward to offer information that could help authorities stem the violence plaguing our families and our neighbors—to end, ultimately saving lives.

When a bullet leaves the barrel of a gun, it does not discriminate. We must engage our policymakers, clergy leaders, community advocates, law enforcement officials, and activists to build on the meaningful reforms we have achieved in recent weeks. And now, more than ever, we must come together and see one another as humans—whether a person wears a blue police officer’s uniform, or a pair of blue jeans. As always, we need each other to survive, and collectively, we need to make sure this city is safe, for everyone.

—Eric Adams
AROUND BROOKLYN

BROOKLYN TOGETHER:

(top left) BP Adams joined FreshDirect and WIADCA Crown Heights for food distribution at the Boulevard Houses in East New York

(bottom left) BP Adams contributed to the Black Lives Matter street mural on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan

(bottom right) BP Adams advocated for transit funding in the COVID-19 Relief Bill at the Borough Hall subway station
MOVING FORWARD:

(top right) BP Adams welcomed the onset of COVID-19 Phase III with the reopening of the Kensington Dog Run

(middle right) BP Adams took a tour of mobile medical units with Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics and Evangelical Crusade Christian Church

(bottom) BP Adams joined Canarsie Girl Scouts NYC, East Flatbush Village, and Twisted Rootz, to distribute food and masks
SUPPORTING AND GROWING AS ONE:

(top left) BP Adams speaks out in support of Black and Brown businesses hurting from over-aggressive enforcement

(middle) BP Adams supported Interfaith Medical Center 1199SEIU NY nurses during their recent Racial Justice Walkout rally

(bottom left) BP Adams joined a Zoom call with the 73rd Precinct and NYC Together to discuss police community relations

(bottom right) BP Adams attended a Borough Park vigil for Jose Barrera, a victim of reckless driving
(top) BP Adams convened a press conference at Brooklyn Borough Hall in protest of the uptick of shootings in the borough

(top left) BP Adams held a press conference on the steps of Brooklyn Borough Hall, where shoes and a casket symbolized lives lost due to gun violence

(middle left) BP Adams visited “For Gwen”, IAmWetPaint’s mural, in honor of Eric Garner and his siblings

(bottom left) BP Adams joined NY Knicks’ Taj Gibson in a march against gun violence through Bedford-Stuyvesant

(bottom right) BP Adams joined a nighttime vigil to identify the gunman who killed Davell Gardner Jr.
Please click on the links below to learn more about BP Adams’ efforts to provide relief and services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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July 3, 2020
BP Adams Declares Black Businesses Matter, Calls For Attorney General To Investigate Pattern Of Racially Discriminatory Enforcement Against Black And Brown Businesses

July 6, 2020
BP Adams Statement On Manhattan DA’s Decision To Press Charges Against Amy Cooper

July 7, 2020
After Drastic Cuts To Senior Service Programming In New York City’s FY21 Budget, With No Warning To Relevant Parties, All Five Borough Presidents Demand Restoration Of Critical DFTA Discretionary Funding

July 12, 2020

July 14, 2020
BP Adams Submits Testimony In Support Of Former House On The Underground Railroad Being Designated An Historic Landmark

July 15, 2020
As NYC Students Gear Up To Return To School This Fall Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, BP Adams, PBP Unveil Results Of Latest Participatory Budgeting Project In Brooklyn Campuses

July 16, 2020

July 20, 2020
As Part Of His Real Recovery NYC Plan, BP Adams Amplifies COVID-19 Heroes’ EITC Supplement Proposal To Provide Relief To Frontline Workers

July 26, 2020
BP Adams Statement On 30th Anniversary Of Americans With Disabilities Act

(below) BP Adams joined 32BJSEIU in a call to protect Black and Immigrant Essential Workers
It has become increasingly clear that a herculean effort is going to be needed to ensure that residents and businesses 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:

• BP Adams called for the City to use vacant office space and City-owned space to help ease the residential housing crisis.

• BP Adams called for strengthening of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through Brooklyn Borough Hall’s past “Access-Friendly NYC” report and Barrier-Free Brooklyn initiative.

• BP Adams stood with other electeds and Cure Violence community groups to call for an end to gun violence in NYC.

• BP Adams called for plainclothes police reform in an op-ed, as well as for a unit to be built from the ground up with better transparency and better training for officers.

• BP Adams supported legislation to improve awareness and contact tracing in communities of color; and called for additional investigation into possible civil rights violations due to the government’s COVID-19 response.

• BP Adams called for funding for local chambers of commerce to assist small business owners with back office operations during the pandemic.

• BP Adams called for a city contracting system that is fair to Black and Brown business owners.

• BP Adams called on an expansion of the extended unemployment benefits.

• BP Adams supported Automatic Voter Registration legislation in Albany.

• BP Adams held multiple “Talk to a Doctor” programs in July to allow for questions regarding COVID-19 to be answered directly by medical professionals.

• BP Adams called for rent relief from the Federal government, as thousands of New Yorkers face possible eviction.

• BP Adams saw one of his first capital allocations for digital mapping collection at the Brooklyn Historical Society come to fruition this year.

(above) BP Adams visited NetCost Market in Sheepshead Bay
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 conducted “Wellness Wednesdays.” Click for video.

(middle) BP Adams hosted Census phone bank.

(bottom) BP Adams joined other borough presidents and advocates in a call to restore discretionary funding for senior centers
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