It’s been a rough year, but there are reasons to be grateful.
EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF THANKFULNESS

“To whom much is given, much is required.”

This is hardly a new concept, but given how 2020 has unfolded, it’s possible that you might feel that what you’ve lost has far outweighed what you’ve gained. Or that what you have been given is beyond what you can bear. Your feelings about the state of things in your world are fed by your perceptions, which often represent your reality. It’s important to remember, however, that sometimes our perceptions don’t accurately interpret reality.

What are you being taught to appreciate in this season? More than likely, it’s the simple things. The genuine kindness of neighbors and strangers? People on the front lines who fight for your rights and safety? Access to information that keeps you informed and connected to resources? Sometimes, the very things that you take for granted can be what inspires you to be most thankful. Thankfulness is a choice. So, if you choose to focus on the humble positives, the mighty negatives that you feel you are facing might not loom as large. Again, it’s all about your perspective — which, unlike other things swarming around you at this time, is entirely in your control. And if you try, you can always find something for which you can be grateful, resetting your baseline for thankfulness.

This is not to say that many have not experienced loss since the start of this year. But by shifting focus from looking back with regret, to moving forward with hope, it’s possible that the days ahead will reveal more triumphs than tragedies. And as you receive, hopefully, you’ll feel more inclined to give, in whatever measure you can, for the betterment of others and the community in which you live. With a renewed perspective, the ability to give is another reason for you to be thankful. Love’s in need of love today. In that regard, let’s all strive to give generously — and often.

—Eric Adams

(above) BP Adams pitches in at a food distribution to frontline workers
KEEPING BROOKLYN CLEAN:

BP Adams joined the Goodwin Place Block Association and the Cornelia Street Block Association in kicking off a series of neighborhood clean-ups in Bushwick.
KEEPING BROOKLYN:

BP Adams examines illegal dumping along Farragut Road between Utica Avenue and Kings Highway
SUPPORTING AND GROWING AS ONE:

(top left) BP Adams attended a vigil to honor the life of Clara Kang, at least the third victim of traffic violence on Third Avenue in Sunset Park this year.

(middle) BP Adams, with CMs Kallos and Treyger, call on NYC Department of Education to close the digital divide for students participating in remote learning.

(bottom left) BP Adams was joined by CM Robert Cornegy and anti-violence advocates at a press conference in response to a pair of fatal shootings in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

(bottom right) BP Adams met with recent graduates of the New York City College of Technology, who undertook a workforce development training in clean energy thanks to a $500,000 grant from Brooklyn Borough Hall and NYSERDA.
COMMUNITY VOICES:

(right) BP Adams joined CM Ydanis Rodriguez and the family of Fernando Santos-Rodriguez in demanding that ICE free Mr. Santos-Rodriguez following his arrest and detainment.

(bottom) BP Adams participated in the 18th annual Mid Autumn Moon Lantern Parade Festival in Chatham Square, Chinatown.
STAND TOGETHER FOR ONE ANOTHER:

(top left) BP Adams visited residents at NYCHA’s Van Dyke Houses in Brownsville, where lead poisoning of children remains a problem

(middle) BP Adams called for an investigation into Managed Long-Term Care’s withholding of funds to Social Adult Day Cares (SADC) at the Sundance SADC in Central Brooklyn

(bottom) BP Adams visited Make a Frame (bottom left) and Sahadi’s Middle Eastern grocery (bottom right) on Atlantic Avenue with Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce representatives to highlight the challenges facing small businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic
SAVE TRANSIT:

(right) BP Adams rode the No. 4 train to highlight the safety of the NYCTA system and call on the federal government for funding support to protect service levels.

(bottom) BP Adams joined CM Ydanis Rodriguez in Washington Heights for a “Save Transit” mask distribution.
Please click on the links below to learn more about BP Adams’ efforts to provide relief and services during the COVID-19 pandemic and the work being undertaken at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

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October 1, 2020
Closing out African immigrant heritage month, BP Adams hosted first-ever, socially-distanced commemoration at Brooklyn Borough Hall

October 4, 2020
BP Adams statement on City Hall’s proposal to close schools and non-essential businesses in select zip codes

October 5, 2020
In response to mounting trash complaints across Brooklyn, BP Adams joined local stakeholders to launch series of corridor cleanups in Bushwick, call for overhaul of DSNY’s community engagement amid budget cuts

October 7, 2020
BP Adams statement on passing of former State Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno

October 8, 2020
BP Adams promotes ULURP recommendations to advance deeply affordable housing for vulnerable populations, including youth aging out of foster care system, at innovative mixed-use manufacturing development in Brownsville

October 10, 2020
BP Adams statement on UN world food program winning Nobel Peace Prize

October 12, 2020
BP Adams statement on the passing of former New York City First Lady Joyce Dinkins

(above, top) BP Adams spoke at the “No Confirmation Until Inauguration” press conference in front of the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Municipal Building; calling on the United States Senate to withhold the confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett until after the new president is sworn in
October 18, 2020
After startling revelations at recent City Council hearing, BP Adams joined parents and students directly impacted to demand action on behalf of 77,000 young scholars denied access to education, including those in shelters and temporary housing.

October 20, 2020
BP Adams statement on City Hall’s acknowledgment of failures in communicating COVID-19 safety messages in non-English dominant communities.

October 22, 2020
BP Adams released testimony to City Council laying out proposals on how to improve parks equity amid COVID-19 pandemic.

October 22, 2020
BP Adams statement on discovery of expanded lead paint exposure crisis at NYCHA.

October 23, 2020
Amid growing crisis of isolation among seniors during COVID-19, BP Adams, elected leaders, social adult day care providers called for statewide investigation into insurance agencies’ failure to properly reimburse SADC providers.

(above, top) BP Adams with Marc Holiday and Chef Daniel Boulud distributing 2,000 meals to Brookdale frontline workers.

(above, bottom) BP Adams visited polling sites throughout the city during early voting.
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October 29, 2020
BP Adams Featured On Good Morning America’s Robin Roberts’ “Thriver Thursday” Digital Series, Spotlighting His Career In Public Service And Health Journey

October 25, 2020
After federal monitor revealed 9,000 apartments in NYCHA where children may have been exposed to lead paint, BP Adams joined family directly impacted at Van Dyke Houses to demand greater accountability and immediate assistance for tenants

October 26, 2020
Following several reports of large turnouts during first weekend of early voting for 2020 Election in NYC, BP Adams called for adjustments to make casting ballot early easier for New Yorkers

October 27, 2020
BP Adams statement on Board of Election’s decision to extend early voting hours

October 29, 2020
With sexual and reproductive rights under renewed federal threat, BP Adams delivers City Council testimony urging passage of bills introduced at his request relating to safe lactation facilities and ending female genital mutilation and cutting

October 30, 2020
BP Adams statement on passing of Archie Spigner
While the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President continues to provide policy guidance, relief efforts, and advocacy to combat the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the work of the borough continues in other areas as well. Check out what my office has been doing throughout the month of September:

• BP Adams called for the NYC Board of Elections to expand early voting hours. They complied by extending early voting hours on the final weekend of early voting. BP Adams also called for these reforms to be uniform throughout all the city’s polling states.

• BP Adams called on local and state governments to not renew tax lien sales after repeated delays on these sales during the pandemic, since such methods have proven to be damaging to minority homeowners.

• BP Adams called for a statewide investigation into the practices of Managed Long-Term Care plans, for refusing to reimburse Social Adult Day Cares for necessary social programs during the pandemic.

• BP Adams called for Wi-Fi access to be installed at every New York City shelter, since more than 100,000 students live in shelters or unstable housing and Internet access is a critical component of job prospects that could bring people out of poverty.

• BP Adams called for the Department of Education to ensure that every NYC student has access to a laptop or tablet so they can learn remotely.

• BP Adams called for rent relief for NYCHA residents affected by rampant lead paint exposure, as well as increased federal funding for the remediation and repair of NYCHA housing units.

• BP Adams called for 40 miles of dedicated busways across New York City. The City has only delivered 17 to date, and only has plans for a total of 20.

• BP Adams called for fitness studios to be able to reopen under the same guidelines as gyms, with lessened capacity, social distancing, and proper hygiene and sanitation in place.

• BP Adams submitted testimony to the City Council calling for funding to improve equity and investment in NYC parks.

• BP Adams marched in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the original Million Man March, which aimed to address the economic and social plights that to this day continue to impact the African-American community.

• BP Adams stood with environmental justice advocates calling for an end to the North Brooklyn Pipeline, which is being forced through Black and Brown communities, without their input.

• BP Adams called on Congress to invest in public transit, so that New Yorkers do not lose a vital service for pandemic recovery: the MTA subway and bus systems.

• BP Adams stood with parents and teachers to support unionization at Brooklyn Friends School, with the school’s administration...
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