BP ADAMS DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO RESIDENTS AT THE NYCHA HOWARD HOUSES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SALVATION ARMY GREATER NEW YORK DIVISION
Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “…with the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.”

While we can all agree that we can rejoice in putting 2020 behind us, there is no guarantee that 2021 will not bring the same heartbreak, pain, and suffering unless we unite as one city and rebuild what’s broken with new strength and new thoughts.

The novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) crisis has laid bare existing inequalities in New York City in devastating ways. While we must build back, we must also Build Back Better. It is the City’s responsibility to recover the right way by addressing 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.

The goal is daunting, but clear: We must heal the physical and financial health of New Yorkers who are underserved and ignored. And we must get started now. I am confident we can do it because we have done it before. In this new year, I urge all of Brooklyn to continue to show the strength that got us through 2020. And I challenge you to continue the work that aided people in their time of need, while reimagining the impact that each person can have on their community.

If you are volunteering one weekend a month, consider taking one more shift at your local food pantry.

If you are working to get healthier, try exercising one more day a week.

If you have not yet been engaged in your community, set one goal to achieve, such as helping in a community clean-up, to get the ball rolling.

These little actions turn into bigger results that will help us heal our city, our communities, and ourselves.

The road to recovery won’t be an easy one. But Brooklynites are built from tough stuff. And while we can’t get a “redo” for all that went wrong in 2020, we can embark on a “restart” that primes us for all that will go right in 2021. There is light at the end of the tunnel — let’s just keep moving forward, one step at a time, as we work together to make it to the other side.

—Eric Adams
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY:

(top left) BP Adams attended the ribbon-cutting of new ADA-compliant elevators at the Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum subway station

(middle) BP Adams commemorated World AIDS Day at Brooklyn Borough Hall while enjoying a performance by Bloodline Dance Theater

(bottom left) BP Adams spoke in support of struggling restaurant owners and workers at a rally in Times Square

(bottom right) BP Adams visited Moshood Creations, a Black-owned business in Bedford-Stuyvesant, on Small Business Saturday
HAPPY HOLIDAYS:

(top right) BP Adams lit a menorah at the annual Hanukkah observance at Brooklyn Borough Hall

(bottom) BP Adams presided over at the annual lighting of the Brooklyn Borough Hall Christmas tree
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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December 1, 2020
BP Adams Statement on World AIDS Day

December 3, 2020
BP Adams Statement on City Hall’s Opposition to North Brooklyn Pipeline

December 3, 2020
With MTA Facing Deep Budget Hole, BP Adams Testifies in Opposition to Fare Hikes, Urges Alternatives to Prevent Further Financial Strain for Low-income New Yorkers

December 7, 2020
After City and State Failures to Address Racially Disparate Impacts of Covid-19, BP Adams, CM Cornegy Demand Greater Transparency and Community Engagement in Impending Vaccine Distribution and Education

December 8, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Report of Possible Goldman Sachs Move Out of New York City

(above top) BP Adams calls for greater transparency and community engagement in the City's COVID-19 vaccination plan
December 10, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Beginning of Hanukkah

December 11, 2020
BP Adams Statement on Mayor de Blasio’s Vaccine Distribution Plan

December 14, 2020
Amid Unprecedented Year, BP Adams Rings in Holidays with Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Brooklyn Borough Hall, Including Pajama and Book Distribution for Children in Shelters

December 16, 2020
Following Bombshell Report Showing Blatant Racism at Highest Levels of NYPD, BP Adams Delivers Testimony to City Council, Urging Systemic Reform

December 18, 2020
BP Adams Statement on DOI Investigation into NYPD Response to George Floyd Protests

December 21, 2020

December 22, 2020
In Response to New Contagious Mutation of COVID-19 in United Kingdom, BP Adams to Call for Stricter Travel and Quarantine Restrictions on All Incoming UK Travelers to New York City

December 24, 2020
Amid Unprecedented Holiday Season, BP Adams Joins The Salvation Army Greater New York Division To Distribute Toys To NYCHA Families In Brownsville

December 27, 2020
Following Killing Of 16-year-old Outside Bodega In The Bronx And Rash Of Murders Involving Young Men Of Color, BP Adams Joins Council Member Gibson To Call For Actions To Combat Crisis Of Citywide Surge In Gun Violence

December 29, 2020
Amid Shift To Virtual Civic Engagement, BP Adams Encourages All Brooklynites To Apply To Their Local Community Boards

December 22, 2020
As Nation Begins COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout, BP Adams Co-hosts Virtual Town Hall with Public Health, Clergy, and Civic Leaders, to Educate New Yorkers
POLICY INITIATIVES

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 November:

• BP Adams released a report (“Bridging the Digital Divide for Every New Yorker with a Universal Internet Guarantee”) and companion Op-Ed with City Council Member Ben Kallos outlining the need for universal broadband in NYC. The report outlines steps to get to a universal internet guarantee.
• BP Adams called on the federal government to do more to help the MTA, small businesses, and the City’s defining industries.
• BP Adams submitted testimony calling for the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to invest in more diversity in its leadership, to agree to third-party review of discretionary promotions, to allow each community a significant role in selecting precinct leadership, and to improved implicit bias and de-escalation training.
• BP Adams held an informational town hall on COVID-19 vaccines with former NYC Health System President/CEO Ram Raju, MD and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene First Deputy Commissioner/Chief Equity Officer Torian Easterling, MD, to promote accurate information on the new vaccines.
• BP Adams requested that the five borough district attorneys review closed cases to ensure that anyone convicted in a case involving police misconduct, including withholding of video evidence, has their case reviewed and their conviction vacated.
• BP Adams rallied with restaurant owners and workers, calling for more aid to the industry from the State. Restaurants are a foundation of our economy and they must be allowed to thrive and grow.
• BP Adams joined food and water advocates and elected officials across the United States to call for an end to fracking in our country.
• BP Adams partnered with the NYC Office of Nightlife and the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment, to hold a town hall to showcase available support for the hospitality industry.
• BP Adams hosted an online forum with the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) and local clergy regarding how clergy should respond to city summonses.
• BP Adams celebrated the groundbreaking for Roebling Plaza in Brooklyn Bridge Park. BP Adams allocated $1.5 million for the plaza and $4.1 million to Brooklyn Bridge Park overall.
• BP Adams called for a science-led, data-driven, transparent, and equitable vaccine distribution plan in NYC.
• BP Adams partnered with City Tech to hold a technology roundtable to discuss the role of the tech industry in our COVID-19 recovery.
• BP Adams called for stricter travel and quarantine restrictions on all incoming UK travelers to New York City in the wake of news of a highly contagious mutation of COVID-19 found in Great Britain.
Brooklyn is keeping it together, virtually. Click on the images to go to the corresponding event YouTube videos.

(top left) BP Adams hosted a town hall on the COVID-19 vaccination plan with Dr. Ram Raju, former CEO and president of HHC, and Dr. Torian Easterling, first deputy commissioner for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

(middle and bottom left) BP Adams hosts information sessions on Capital Funding application process for Non-Profits and Schools
For specific COVID-19 inquiries, click [here](#).

To help feed First Responders, click [here](#).

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