



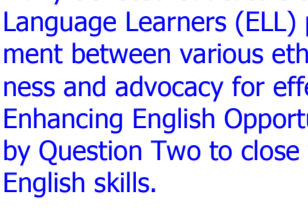
Dear Friend,

With less than four weeks remaining for formal legislating this year, it is a busy time at the State House and in the district. The Committee on Public Health continues to be hard at work on a number of important bills, and we are engaged in legislative and constituent matters within the district. See the "Joint Committee Update" and the "Legislative Update" below to learn more about our work.

November is a busy month and community meetings are in full-swing. Thank you to all of the new members who joined community groups in the district. Your participation is important and influential to the district. Please take a look at "Community Events and Happenings" for more on what is going on in the neighborhood. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming meetings and events.

During a period of budget cuts and Boston elections, I continue to advocate for the programs and services that are most important to the people in my district. I encourage everyone to participate in the March 2010 Census, a confidential survey that reflects the number of people living in the state. Census information helps states receive and allocate funds to locations in need of improvement. There are no questions on citizenship or employment, so everyone is included in the count. It is important that everyone in the district participate so that we get the financial assistance needed to improve our community. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Service,



Jeffrey Sánchez

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

This past month was eventful in the State House. Proposed significant legislation, such as English Language Learners Programs in schools, Language Restrictions in the Workplace, Affordable Housing, and Safer Alternatives to Toxic Chemicals in the Workplace, have been before the legislature.

Many devoted educators and administrators from around the Commonwealth attended a briefing on enhancing English Language Learners (ELL) programs for all students. At the meeting, participants discussed gaps in academic achievement between various ethnic groups and their English speaking counterparts. In addition, the need to increase awareness and advocacy for effective ELL programs in schools was addressed. As lead sponsor of H.486, "An Act relative to Enhancing English Opportunities for all Students in the Commonwealth," I am working to replace the system put in place by English Two to close the achievement gap for Massachusetts students, regardless of language barriers or lack of English skills.

Also in regard to foreign languages, a hearing was held on H.1851, "An Act Opposing Unnecessary Language Restrictions in the Workplace," of which I am the lead sponsor. This legislation would make it generally illegal for employers to use workplace language restrictions like "English Only" rules. It would allow employees the freedom to use the language of their choice at the workplace. An employer could still implement restrictions, provided it does not affect the efficient operation of the business. This bill would prevent employees from being dismissed for simply speaking their native language in the workplace.

Just last week, we in the House successfully passed H.4298, "An Act Preserving Publicly-Assisted Affordable Housing," legislation that seeks to preserve affordable housing and protect tenants living in more than 24,000 publicly-assisted affordable homes. I also successfully amended H.2779, "An Act Clarifying the Use of Certain State Tax Credits." The amendment extends the opportunity for investments and tax credits, which would provide more affordable housing in the Commonwealth. It affects Terrace Street Lofts, also known as the Pickle-Ditson project in Mission Hill, the site of a former pickle factory and the former Oliver Ditson music publishing building, as well as Pond View in Gloucester and Re-treat at Union Pond in Wareham.

Most recently heard in the State House was H.757, "An Act for a Competitive Economy through Safer Alternatives to Toxic Chemicals," of which I am a co-sponsor. This legislation seeks to create a comprehensive program to replace toxic chemicals with safer alternatives in consumer products and other businesses. It would protect public health from adverse health impacts and develop opportunities to strengthen the competitiveness and growth of Massachusetts businesses.

## FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has been busy the past month! We held four public hearings on over 70 bills relative to vital records and funeral services, health insurance and financing, the healthcare workforce, infectious disease privacy and testing, as well as medical sharps. We will wrap up our hearing schedule in the upcoming weeks. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hear testimony concerning state health program financing, cost control of pharmaceutical benefits, and mandated benefits. Our last scheduled hearing of the year will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> regarding legislation that examines a municipal public health authority, regional public health, and emergency medical services. As always, we encourage your input relative to the legislation on our docket. The Public Health Committee accepts oral or written testimony at any time prior to an executive session.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Jamaica Plain:

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council:** Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Curtis Hall, 20 South Street. For more information, please call 617-522-1150.

**Jamaica Plain Community Centers:** Regular meeting are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. rotating among 4 sites. More information can be obtained by calling the Regional Office at Curtis Hall at 617-635-5195.

**Jamaica Hills Association:** Second Wednesday of every month, except July and August, 7:30 p.m., Rogerson House, 434 Jamaica way.

**Summer Hill Association:** First Monday of each month, 7 p.m., various locations. Info: secretary@summerhillassociation.org.

**The True Hip Hop Culture Program:** Come chill out with other teens in the community, exploring hip hop culture, the arts/entertainment industry, live performance, life and the world around us. Free, with light refreshments served. Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 5-7 p.m., English High Community Center, 144 McBride St. Info: Jazz Wise theprogram@excite.com, or 617-635-5244.

**Spontaneous Celebrations:** Offers a number of art, music and dance classes, as well as a youth karate class. Info: www.spontaneouscelebrations.org.

**Sunday Nights aLive:** Non-traditional, music-and-arts worship service, featuring live music, signing and community-building. Relaxed atmosphere. Dinner served, childcare provided. Last Sunday of every month, 6-8 p.m., first Church of JP, Unitarian Universalist, Centre and Eliot St. Info: www.sundaynightalivejp.org.

**Connolly Branch Library:** The library offers community programs for students and adults. Visit the library for one of its events (listed below) at 433 Centre St. Info: 522-1960.

**Homework Assistance:** Mondays, 4-6 p.m., Homework Assistance Program, with Boston Public School teacher; Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Homework assistance with high school mentors for grades K-8.

**Children's Films:** Short, fun films for young children. Groups Welcome! Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Reading Readiness Fall Storytime:** Stories & Songs for kids ages 2 – 4 with an adult. Please register beforehand! Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Resumes that Work:** Come to this workshop to learn how to create a resume that will get you an interview. Monday, November 9 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

**Meet the Lenders Seminar:** Learn about mortgage lenders. Workshop led by Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development. Monday, November 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. To register, call 617-635-4663

**Estrategia Comercial Para Tiempos Economicos Dificiles:** Presentara informacion en espanol para desarrollar y afinar su estrategia comercial. Para inscribirse por favor de llamar al 617-287-7750. Sabado, 21 de noviembre, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Family Pajama Storytime:** Come in your PJ's to listen to stories about families reading together. Monday, November 23, 6:30 p.m.

**Jamaicaway Books:** Visit the local bookstore for one of their upcoming events at 676 Centre Street, or call them for more info at 617-983-3204. You can also visit their website: www.jamaicawaybooks.com.

**Forest Hills Cemetery:** Come to the cemetery to enjoy music, history, poetry, art, remembrance, ritual, and nature.

**Book Party with Anthony Sammarco:** He introduces his new book about the historic cemetery. November 15 at 4:00 p.m.

**Tribute to Anne Sexton:** Join four of her peers for an afternoon of poetry and reminiscence in Forsyth Chapel. Followed by a walk to Sexton's grave. Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m.

**The Borromeo String Quartet:** Come to the Forsyth Chapel to experience their passionate playing. Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Advance purchase of tickets is recommended. Call 617-524-3354 for more information.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar and Food Fair:** Middle Eastern cuisine and festival at Our Lady of the Cedars at Lebanon Church 61 Rockwood Street. All weekend November 6-8. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Fall Bazaar and Food Fair:** A Ukrainian Festival held November 7-8 at the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 24 Orchard Hill Road. Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Steppin' Out:** A benefit supporting the Dimock Community Health Center featuring Brian McKnight. The event will take place at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel on November 7, from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

**Poor Clare Annual Christmas Bazaar:** At the Monastery of Saint Clare, 920 Centre Street on Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more info call: 617-524-1760.

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of JP:** Food, music, and silent auction to benefit ESAC. Come to Cedar Hall at 61 Rockwood Street on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30. For more information or to purchase tickets (\$35), see www.esacboston.org or call 617-524-2555

**"Crossing Borders, Making Homes: Stories of Resilient Women":** Join three local authors at the JP Branch Library, 12 Sedgwick Street, to discuss their latest book on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

**Social Justice Book Discussions:** *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East* discussion at the JP Branch Library, 12 Sedgwick Street on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**Presentation on Ghana's Ability Bike Shops:** Report from David Brannigan who taught and helped physically challenged people to open a bike mechanic's shop. Come listen to Mr. Brannigan at the Bikes not Bombs headquarters at 284 Amory Street. Dinner and speech is on Friday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Queer Tango Boston: Argentine Tango with Gender Flexibility:** Dance at the Democracy Center, 45 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners on Monday and advanced dancers on Thursday evenings. For more call Spontaneous Celebrations at 344-5550, email info@queertangoboston.org, or go to www.queertangoboston.com.

**Wordless, Wondrous Things:** Saturday, November 7 at 8 p.m. at 170 Beacon Street, Boston. Tickets are \$18 - \$38. For more info call 427-8200 or go to www.chameleonnarts.org

**Debo Band and Ansambi Mastika:** An Ethiopian band and a Brooklyn-based Balkan band play together on November 8 at the Milky Way Café. Come see them at 9:00 p.m. at 3496 Washington Street.

**Exhibits by Richard Caron and Bridie Johnson:** Exhibit through November 9 at the James's Gate Gallery on the corners of McBride and South Street.

**Botanica: Scanography by Marty Klein:** Hunnewell Building, Arnold Arboretum, 125 The Arborway. Exhibit open until December 15.

**Arnold Arboretum Story Hour:** Enjoy stories about trees while under the Arboretum's trees on November 21 at 11:00 a.m. Entrance is at 125 The Arborway.

**Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Dialogue:** Join the Jamaica Plain Coalition, the Alliance for Community Health, and the Boston Public Health Commission in a community meeting to discuss the health of Jamaica Plain. Dinner and child care will be provided. Thursday, November 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at 144 McBride St. (English High School). For more information, contact Margaret Noce at nocemnoce@aol.com, or at 617-522-4832.

### Mission Hill:

**Domestic Violence Community Advocacy Program:** Renewal House is open for walk in appointments on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 10 Putnam Street in Roxbury (First Church in Roxbury ~ UU Urban Ministry...The big white church on the hill near Roxbury Crossing T station or Dudley Station) If you wish to make an appointment, please contact Ada at 617-277-4194.

**Parker Hill Library:** Homework Help and Creative Drama: Homework Help Monday-Thursday, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Thursday-BPS Teacher, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Community Alliance of Mission Hill:** Usually third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., Kresge Hall, Harvard School of Public Health. For more info call 617-733-8321 or email rjohnson@camhonline.org.

**Gardner After Hours:** Cutting-edge art, music, performances, cocktails and more, third Thursdays, 5-9 p.m., Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway. Info: www.gardnermuseum.org.

**Mission Hill Crime Committee:** Last Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mission Church music room.

**Free Parent-Child Playgroups:** Offered by Boston Public Schools for toddlers at Tobin Community Center. Registration is ongoing for 1, 2, and 3 year olds and their caregivers. Several dates and times are available. Info: 617-756-9492.

**Mission Hill Farmers Market:** Every Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a farmers market in Hanlon Square (735 Huntington Ave). To learn more, stop by the market.

**Parker Hill Branch Library:** The library offers community programs for students and adults. (Visit the library for one of its events (listed below) at 1497 Tremont St. Info: 427-3820.

**Toddler Storytime:** Stories for kids ages 2 – 3 years with an adult. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

**Homework Assistance:** Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Homework assistance with high school students for grades K-8. BPS Teacher help on Thursdays.

**Grief Support Services:** Samaritans provide services for community members who have lost loved ones to suicide, including the support group SafePlace, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., JCRT radiology conference room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Shapiro Building at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Info: Kim Kates: 617-536-2460.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Crafts Fair and Dinner:** Free tables are available at this local crafts fair. Call 617-785-4646 and ask for Gloria to reserve a table. Event will occur at 43 Smith Street from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20. Free dinner will be provided.

**A Tale of Two Cities:** Come see this play based on Charles Dickens' novel at the Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway. Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. every weekend until November 29. Info at 617-879-2300 or www.wheelockfamilytheatre.org.

**Jazz at the Gardner:** The Kris Miller group on November 19 and the Annette Philip Quintet on December 17. See these shows at 280 The Fenway and view www.gardnermuseum.com for info.

### Roslindale:

**YMCA Sports, Aquatics and More:** The Roslindale YMCA offers a variety of sports classes for preschoolers, students, teens, and adults, including tee ball, soccer, karate, and the new Junior Celtics basketball. For a complete listing, visit the branch www.ymcaboston.org/roslindale/programs/sports.

**Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association:** The association meets bi-monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the community room of the Longfellow House, 885 South Street at Walter Street. Contact Tim Skaar, at tim.skaar@gmail.com if you have any questions.

**Roslindale Open Studios:** Saturday and Sunday November 7 and 8, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in 44 different locations around Roslindale and JP. More info online at www.roslindaleopenstudios.org.

**Music from Ireland and Other Favorites:** The Boston Parkway Orchestra's free concert on November 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the Holy Name Church, 1689 Centre St. West Roxbury.

**Jazz in the Square Concerts:** See upcoming concerts at the Roslindale Congregational Church by visiting www.jazzinthesquare.net.

### Brookline:

**ESL Conversation Groups:** Open at all three Brookline Public Library Branches for anyone looking to improve their English skills. The group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library on Washington St. and on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at both the Coolidge Corner and Puterham Branches.

### Greater Boston:

**The Registry of Motor Vehicles:** The RMV launched a new electronic notification service for license renewals. It is a free service that will remind you to renew your Massachusetts driver's license or ID by email, phone, or text (SMS) message. For more information on how to subscribe for the notification service, visit https://secure.rmv.state.ma.us/RMVReminder/intro.aspx.

If you know of a future Community Event or Meeting that you would like us to include in the Update, send us an email at Rep.JeffreySanchez@hou.state.ma.us

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**JumpStart:** This program allows seniors aged 50+ to volunteer with children in Jamaica Plain preschools. The goal of the program is to ensure a successful transition to Kindergarten. Training and stipend are provided. The program runs from October to May. Inquiries should be made to Linda, at 857-413-4631.

**Massachusetts Biologic Laboratories:** The laboratories are seeking college science majors for internship positions. Some applications will be reviewed for full-time positions. Please reply to mbresumes@umassmed.edu.

**Hyde Square Task Force:** The task force is seeking a Community Clubhouse Coordinator to umasslessed.org and lead lessons for youths aged 10-18 years. Please contact Brenda Rodriguez-Andujar at brenda@hydesquare.org, or 617-524-8303. An other open position is Systems Administrator. This position requires knowledge of computer networking and 2-3 years VPN experience. This is a part-time position. Please contact Enoes Andujar at enoes@hydesquare.org, or 617-524-8303.

**Hyde Square Task Force:** Seeking part-time Bookkeeper to assist Finance Manager in financial preparations. Candidates should be familiar with financial language, have good computer skills, and be efficient and reliable. To apply, please email (preferred method) your resume and cover letter to enoes@hydesquare.org, or mail to Enoes Andujar, Manager of Finance and Human Resources, Hyde Square Task Force, 375 Centre St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

**Jobs at the New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH):** Administrative Director of Patient Care Services, Nursing Assistant, Clinical Leader, Other Nursing Positions, Other Patient Care Support: Contact Alyson Morgan, Nursing Coordinator, amorgan1@caregroup.harvard.edu. Applications Analyst III, Catering Coordinator, Central Sterile Supply Technician, Central Sterile Surgical Materials Coordinator, Central Support Operator, Clinical Researcher Coordinator Manager, CT/MRI Technologist, Diet Aide, Hematology Supervisor, Housekeeping Aide, Nurse Practitioner, Occupational Therapist, OR Scheduler, Patient Access Representative, Patient Account Representative, Patient Service Representative, Pharmacist, Phlebotomist, Pre-Certification Specialist, Physician Assistant, Project Worker, Security Officer, Senior Financial Analyst, Social Worker, Supervisor, Transporter, Unit Secretary, Scheduler, Other Support Services: Contact Susan Motha, smotha@caregroup.harvard.edu.

**Volunteer for the American Cancer Society:** The ACS needs volunteer drivers to take cancer patients to and from treatment. For info call 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

**Volunteer to Visit the Elderly:** Call Rachel Burlingame at Ethos, a local non-profit. For more info call 617-522-6700, or email rburlingame@ethocare.org.

**Brigham and Women's Hospital RN Care Coordinator, Ambulatory:** The Ambulatory RN Care Coordinator is responsible for working with high-risk patients while establishing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating high quality, cost effective care plans. This position requires knowledge of clinical care and systems' management, case management, good nursing judgment, problem solving skills, independent thinking, organizational and interpersonal skills, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to multi-task. This position is well compensated with a competitive salary and excellent benefits. If interested, please call Lisa Wichmann at 617-732-5500 X31934.

**Executive Director of Fenway Community Development Corporation:** Will lead FCDC staff and work closely with board of directors in the Fenway neighborhood. Should be a hands-on leader with a sense of humor and passion for our work. To apply, submit a cover letter detailing your salary requirements and a resume to: FenwayCDCExecutive-Search@gmail.com. Please submit your application before November 20, 2009. Earlier applications are encouraged. No phone calls or letters please.

**MBTA Job Lottery:** From October 25 through December 19, the MBTA is having a job lottery. Either apply online at www.mbtajoblottery.com by completing the coupon, or you may mail a copy of the coupon to MBTA Job Lottery, P.O. Box 187289, Hamden, CT 06518. All entries must be submitted or postmarked by December 19, 2009. Multiple submissions will not increase one's chances and coupons mailed to the MBTA offices will not be included.

## GOVERNMENT GRANTS

**Grants.gov:** Your source to FIND and APPLY for federal government grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. Learn more about Grants.gov and determine if you are eligible for grant opportunities offered on this site.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Boston Scholarship Guide:** Information about hundreds of scholarships available to help you pay for college! www.boston scholarshipguide.com.

**Alray Taylor Second Chance Scholarship:** Application deadline October 15. For Boston high school graduates who did not complete, but would like to return to college and have used their time since productively. Fill out and submit application online at www.alray.org, or contact: 617-395-6862 or info@alray.org for more information.

**MassArt Saturday Studios:** Offers elementary through high school students an affordable opportunity to engage in the arts from October 17<sup>th</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships are available and no prior art experience is required. An application may be found online at http://www.massart.edu/x1805.xml, or contact 617-879-7170, or email k12@MassArt.edu for more information.

**The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences:** Encourages students to apply for their scholarship programs ASAP. The college is offering the Mayor's Scholarship Program for Boston Latin School and the James T. King Memorial Scholarship. Visit www.mcphs.edu/admission to find out more.

## HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Our friends at the Mayor's Office and BPD have provided these helpful telephone numbers:**

- BPD Main Line.....617-343-5630
- Community Service.....617-343-5624
- Auto Investigations.....617-343-5628
- Detectives Bureau.....617-343-5628
- Drug Control Unit.....617-343-4958
- Crime Watch Unit.....617-343-4347
- Crime Stoppers.....800-494-8477
- Mayor's Office.....617-343-4500
- Anti-Gang Unit.....617-343-4444
- Domestic violence and sexual assault hotline.....877-785-2020
- Loud Party Line.....617-343-5500
- Anti-Graffiti Line.....617-343-5348
- Rep. Sanchez's Office..... 617-722-2130