

# Dear Friends of 15th Suffolk,

Thank you for all you're doing to encourage one another and to stay healthy during the coronavirus outbreak. We are continuing to monitor the situation in order to bring you brief updates. Read on to learn more about district volunteer and donation opportunities and resources we've found especially helpful or informative. We encourage you to share any of your own local resources with us for our future updates.

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## Local Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

- **Sponsor 15th Suffolk/Norfolk seniors: Contribute donations to purchase food and supplies for our elders in need;** Venmo Krista your donation (@kmagnuson) & she'll buy Stop-n-Shop gift cards on your behalf. We'll deliver them to our four public housing developments and beyond as needed over the next four weeks. Don't have the Venmo app? You can drop off Stop & Shop giftcards of \$25+ to Rep Nika's house, but email [nika.elugardo@mahouse.gov](mailto:nika.elugardo@mahouse.gov) to make sure she's home!  
Rep Nika lives at 32 Sheridan Street #1 in JP.
- **Brookline Mutual Aid;** Building connections at the community level, Mutual Aid is an online space for listing and linking local needs and resources.
- **Jamaica Plain/Roxbury Mutual Aid** (*previously incorrectly named here as JP Centre/South Mutual Aid*) Building connections at the community level, Mutual Aid is an online space for listing and linking local needs and resources.
- **Roslindale** and **Mission Hill** community leaders are also organizing care and share networks, similar to the JP and Brookline Mutual Aid networks. We will keep you posted as we have details.
- **Community Care Team;** Rep. Liz Miranda is putting together a community care remote volunteer team. Volunteers will make calls to neighborhood seniors to connect them with resources using a virtual phone bank. All volunteers will work from home. If you are interested in helping out, please use this [form](#) to sign-up!

## State-level Resources and Announcements

- [\*\*COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Fund\*\*](#): A loan fund of **\$10 million** has been created to provide financial relief to Massachusetts businesses and nonprofits that have been affected by COVID-19. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) will receive and process all applications for this fund.
- [\*\*SBA Disaster Loan Program Webinar\*\*](#): Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Wendell Davis, Regional Administrator, SBA will be explaining the loan programs and how companies can qualify.
- [\*\*Mass. State Courthouses To Close Through Early April\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Reduced Schedule Update for MBTA Service\*\*](#)

## Opportunities for Advocacy and Dialogue

- [\*\*City Live/Vida Urbana Petition for Moratorium on Evictions during COVID-19\*\*](#)
- MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth's [\*\*LGBTQ Resource Interactive Map\*\*](#) of local resources throughout Massachusetts.
- [\*\*Talking About COVID-19: A Call for Racial, Economic, and Health Equity\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Corona Virus Resource Kit\*\*](#)

For constituents, advocates, or anyone else looking to get in touch, you can reach the office at **617-777-2582**, or [\*\*isabel.torres@mahouse.gov\*\*](mailto:isabel.torres@mahouse.gov)!

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