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RE: Public Health and Safety Concerns at 270 Dorchester Avenue

Dear Commissioner del Rio, Dr. Ojikutu, and Attorney Coburn,

I'm writing today to respectfully request a public health and safety update at 270 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston. My office recently attended a walkthrough on-site with the West Broadway Neighborhood Association, who shared public health concerns about the pools of water that have accumulated over time and the potential breeding of mosquitoes and the spread of the West Nile Virus during the warmer months.

In addition, neighbors also raised public safety concerns regarding the security measures, and the need to ensure that the public cannot gain entry into the site - especially young children in close proximity at the Boston Housing Authority West Broadway Development across the street. Neighbors noted a chain link fence that doesn't reach the ground on B Street, in particular.

Moreover, there are pest control concerns due to littering and the ability of rodents to gain access to and from the site, which has raised concerns from surrounding neighbors.

I am respectfully requesting that the Inspectional Services Department and Boston Public Health Commission both look into these public health and public safety issues residents have raised about this site, and to please provide a status update on this case.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston City Councilor, District 2