



Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

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Adam Cederbaum, Corporation Counsel
City of Boston - Law Department
1 City Hall Square, Room 615
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Corporation Counsel Cederbaum,

Please note I am writing to you again this year on another 17F I filed on Boston Housing Authority (BHA) elevators (Docket #1854) at the Council on October 22, 2025. I am respectfully requesting that the City's Law Department please provide any information with regard to whether BHA is currently out of compliance, and when the City Council and the public should expect a response.

Since that time, I sent a letter to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) and respectfully requested to reopen an investigation into the frequent breakdown of elevators at the Ruth Barkley Apartments. At the City Council this week, prior to my remarks being cut short by the Council President, I relayed the feedback of BHA neighbors who experienced this elevator failure from last Tuesday morning at 9:06AM until Thursday (Thanksgiving). On Thanksgiving, residents and I witnessed what appeared to be a contractor there to perform a simple reset of approximately one minute at 9:00AM. This delay and lack of urgency for several days either negatively impacted the Thanksgiving planning of many residents, or them canceling their holiday plans altogether, nevermind the inability to go about their daily responsibilities like appointments or picking up prescriptions during that period of time. Other BHA protocols were also not followed, and residents were not made aware of any update until 12:01 PM on Thanksgiving Day.

I refuse to stop advocating for residents of public housing, our seniors, persons with disabilities, immigrant neighbors, and communities of color on these critical accessibility issues. I ask for your assistance on an immediate response from BHA and the City once again.

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn
Boston Councilor, District 2