



Boston City Council
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Councillor - District 2

April 23, 2026

Michael Firestone, Corporation Counsel
City of Boston - Law Department
1 City Hall Square, Room 615
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Dear Corporation Counsel Firestone,

As a follow up to our conversation this morning at the City Council hearing regarding Boston Housing Authority (BHA) elevators at Ruth Barkley apartments, I am writing again on a 17F I filed this year on BHA elevators and quality of life issues (Docket #0221) at the Council on January 28, 2026. This follows my previous letter requesting assistance on this issue from February 12, 2026. I am again 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 Boston City Council and the public should expect a response on a 17F request from January 28, 2026.

Since that time, I have also sent a letter to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) regarding the investigation into the frequent breakdown of elevators at the Ruth Barkley Apartments. 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 am again respectfully requesting assistance from your office on an immediate response from BHA and the City, and clarity as to whether BHA is currently out of compliance with their response to the Boston City Council. I am specifically requesting clarification on whether the Boston City Council should have received a response on this 17F request from January 28, 2026 by now and, if so, when that should have occurred to remain in compliance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Flynn".

Ed Flynn
Boston Councillor, District 2