

Neighbors protest inaction on Mass and Cass woes

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The South End Roxbury Community Partnerships 2.0 held a protest on September 3 at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Washington Street entitled "Make the Community Comfortable for All", urging city and state officials to provide more homelessness, addiction and mental health services around Boston and statewide and to provide more sanitation and public safety to residents of the surrounding South End and Roxbury neighbors who are overwhelmed by theft,



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(Left) Stephen Kinzer (Right) Lauren Francis-Sharma

SUBMITTED BY MARLEEN NIENHUIS

Tuesday, September 15

"How Our Presidential Election Could Reshape the World:" Join Foreign Correspondent, Stephen Kinzer, and "Open Source" Radio Host, Christopher Lydon, via ZOOM, Tuesday, September

15, at 7:00 PM

Award-winning foreign policy journalist, Stephen Kinzer, will return to the virtual version of South End Writes on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM with a talk titled: How Our Presidential Election Could Reshape the World. Kinzer will be introduced by Christopher Lydon, the erudite host of the

WBUR radio show, Open Source.

A Senior Fellow in International and Public Affairs at Brown University's Watson Institute, he is the author of a dozen books about foreign affairs. They include All the Shah's Men (reportedly a go-to book for former Senator and Secretary of

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Harriet Tubman Park, South End, Boston

Fern L. Cunningham-Terry, at 71

Sculptor of the Harriet Tubman Memorial

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Fern Cunningham-Terry was born in Jackson Heights, New York, to Dr. James F. Cunningham, a doc-

tor who specialized in tuberculosis and then in psychiatry, and Mrs. Margaret B. Cunningham, an artist who worked with children. Fern and her older sister, Miki, enjoyed a home filled with art, song, and pride in Black culture. When Fern was four years old, her family moved to Sitka, Alaska, where they lived for

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South End's Tony Ruan is Named a Project Onramp Intern

SUBMITTED BY FOR LIFE SCIENCE CARES

Yong "Tony" Ruan, 22, from Boston's South End, has been named a Project Onramp intern for Xilio Therapeutics. He is one of 37 college students who are gaining valuable hands-on experience in entry-level positions at 22 life science companies across Massachusetts this summer as part of the biotechnology workforce development program.

Project Onramp matches undergraduate students working with Bottom Line, a non-profit committed to building strong connections for first-generation-to-college students, with paid summer entry-level internships that often lead to full-time employment. Created and sponsored by four of the nation's leading life science organizations headquartered in Massachusetts

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Boston Ward 4 Dems September Meeting

Tuesday, 9/15, 6 pm - 8 pm

Join fellow Democrats from Back Bay, Fenway, and the South End for Ward 4's September meeting. Scheduled speakers include a representative from the Joe Biden

campaign and the Yes on 2 campaign and getting legislative update from State Rep. Jay Livingstone. For Zoom information, RSVP to ward4dems@gmail.com.

Important Boston Public Schools Dates

SUBMITTED BY BPS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Brenda Casselli, and Boston Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez announced on August 21, after months of community engagement and review of crucial public health data, all students will begin the school year learning remotely five days a week. All families will have the opportunity to select to stay in remote learning for the school year or opt into a hybrid plan that will include a combination of in-person and online learning.

The announcement today outlined a phased-in approach to in-school learning, starting with students who need additional time, attention, and support to be successful. BPS will then phase-in grade levels on a staggered basis to allow for students and staff to adapt to new routines, for the City of Boston to track important public health metrics, and to provide families time to plan for the new year.

"Students, families and schools have faced incredible challenges this year, and I want to thank them for their work and patience. I know starting school is a complex decision, and our priority has always been to ensure the safety of everyone, while keeping equity for students at the forefront of every decision," said Mayor Walsh. "This plan was developed with the input of families, educators and public health experts, and every step will follow science and public health data. For many of our students, school is not just a place to learn, but also a place for nutritious meals, care and mentoring, and social development. Throughout the school year and beyond, we will continue the

work that began long before COVID-19: to close opportunity and achievement gaps, and give every single child the quality education that they deserve."

The City is closely tracking all public health data and has partnered with BPS to establish protocols and processes to make informed decisions on a daily basis about the return to school and continued, safe, in-person learning in school buildings.

The BPS reopening plan outlines two options for families: all remote learning with five days a week of online instruction and hybrid learning with two days a week of learning in schools and three days of remote learning.

Students in the hybrid model will be assigned into Group A or Group B. Students in Group A will attend schools on Mondays and Tuesdays and students in Group B will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays. All will learn online on Wednesdays to allow for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of buildings. There are specific plans to work with students with disabilities, students who are working towards English language proficiency, and others who require additional time and care to support their learning.

If the public health data shows that it is safe for in-school learning the district will follow the schedule below (double dates reference the Group A and Group B starts). Each step will begin no sooner than the listed date:

September 21: All students begin remote learning

Thursday, October 1: Students with the highest needs start in hybrid

Thursday, October 15 (B) & Monday, October 19 (A): Grades K0, K1, K2 return

Thursday, October 22 (B) & Monday, October 26 (A): Grades 1 - 3 return

Thursday, November 5 (B) & Monday, November 9 (A): Grades 4 - 8 (secondary schools start grades 6 - 8) return

Monday, November 16 (A) & Thursday, November 19 (B): Grades 9 - 12 return

"Science and data is at the forefront of every single plan as we work to gradually and safely reopen the City of Boston," said Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez. "By phasing grades in every two weeks, teachers and school staff will have the time they need to get comfortable with the safety of their buildings and classrooms before students arrive, and allow us to monitor for any COVID activity between phases. As we have said from the beginning, these dates are dependent on public health data, and we will be closely monitoring the public health situation while creating a safe space for Boston's students to learn."

To inform planning, this summer BPS has engaged in more than 33 community meetings with more than 4,000 stakeholders, held in 10 different languages, including meetings with unions, nurses and public health officials, two School Committee meetings and one City Council meeting. The district has released two drafts of the reopening plan. The feedback gathered shaped the planning process, especially between the first and second drafts.

"Equity remains at the center of Boston Public Schools' planning for a safe and successful start to the school year. This plan prioritizes meeting the needs of our most vulnerable learners, respects family choice, and is thorough, thoughtful and responsive

to the feedback we have received from families and teachers," said BPS Superintendent Brenda Casselli. "We are excited for the new school year and will continue to support the social, emotional, and physical wellness of our students, staff and community as we lift up equity, promote health and safety, and ensure educators, staff, and families are prepared to support our students in their learning."

The City and BPS have been hard at work preparing school buildings for the return of students and staff, through cleaning, ordering of supplies and personal protective equipment, fixing windows, updating options for air flow, and developing health and safety protocols.

All students and staff in schools will wash and sanitize their hands frequently, wear masks, and practice safe distancing. Classrooms have been reconfigured and new daily procedures have been developed for routine cleaning of classrooms, hallways and bathrooms. Students who use yellow bus transportation will follow the same process, and BPS is in contact with the MBTA to plan for student transportation.

The district has also spent the summer reviewing data and feedback on spring remote learning and is strengthening this option with additional clarity on learning expectations; support for teachers, students, and families; and accountability for students making progress. This includes adopting districtwide technology platforms, a renewed focus on social and emotional learning, and additional outreach to families.

This week, BPS sent a selection form to

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State, John Kerry) and The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, and their Secret World War.

Kinzer most recently presented, Poisoner in Chief: Sidney Gottlieb and the CIA Search for Mind Control, at the South End library in October 2019. He told the audience that although he had seen a lot in his life and career, in researching the book he was "shocked by what he found." Kinzer is an Opinion Columnist at The Boston Globe and has been a South End resident since the 1970s, except for when he was New York Times bureau chief in Nicaragua, Istanbul and Berlin. At the moment, Kinzer told FOSEL, he is doing something different from writing books: He's reading them.

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Tuesday, September 22

Lauren Francis-Sharma, Award-winning Writer of Fiction Inspired by her Caribbean Ancestors, Will Present Her New Novel, "Book of the Little Axe," Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM

Lauren Francis-Sharma, a child of Trinidadian immigrants, continues to explore the story of her Caribbean ancestors' history in her new novel, Book of the Little Axe. She will be hosted on South End Writes via ZOOM on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 PM (details at the bottom of the page).

Her new work of fiction was preceded by the 2014 'Til the Well Runs Dry, a first novel that was short-listed for the William Saroyan International Prize. It won the Honor Fiction Prize by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and was also chosen as an O, The Oprah Magazine Summer Reading Pick and lauded by the New York Times, USA Today, Essence Magazine, and People Magazine among other publications. Inspired by her grandmother's journey from Trinidad to the United States, Francis-Sharma's debut novel was the subject of feature articles about her Caribbean ancestry in the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

The author's short story, Demented,

is featured in the anthology Us Against Alzheimer's: Stories of Family Love and Faith, edited by Marita Golden. Before becoming a novelist, Francis-Sharma worked as a mergers-and-acquisitions attorney; currently, she is the owner of DC Writers Room, a co-working space dedicated to both published and aspiring writers. She is also the Assistant Director of Bread Loaf Writers' Conference at Middlebury College and a MacDowell Fellow.

Lauren lives in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. with her husband and two children and "is always working on another book."

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Thursday, September 24

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Joyce Mandel is an employment specialist with 15 years of experience providing employability skills workshops geared towards youth and adults. Topics covered in this workshop will include: interviewing skills, resume writing, dressing for success, job leads, telephone skills, networking, and keeping your job. Workshop objectives include building participants' confidence, readying participants for employment opportunity, and enhancing their job skills.

To join via ZOOM on September 24:
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Protest

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break-ins; discarded needles; encampments; human waste in alleys and on doorsteps; drug use in public and other negative activity.

The group was spearheaded by Yahaira Lopez, a South End/Lower Roxbury native who now lives in Randolph but visits her mother regularly in the Northampton Street area. Lopez and her brother, David, expressed concern for their mother's safety.

The protest began at 6:00 PM September 3 with approximately 100 people on all four corners at the intersection. In response to signs reading, "Honk if you want a drug free neighborhood," many passing cars honked in support and the protest occasionally spilled out into the intersection. Chants such as "Where is Charlie?", a sign reading, "Mass and Cass Missing Person Report: Charlie Baker" reflected anger and frustration at the governor's inaction on developing addiction, homelessness and other services in communities statewide, as more than half of those who come to Mass and Cass for services are from outside Boston.

Bob Barney, a board member of the Claremont Neighborhood Association and member of the South End Forum Working Group on Addiction, Recovery and Homelessness, said, "I think that Governor Baker and Secretary Sudders need to come here and see what is going on. They need to see that it is a public health emergency."

Acknowledging that residents and neighborhood leaders have been calling for help from the city and state for years, Barney said, "I think the difference is that today, it's not only South Enders, it's people from Roxbury and from other parts of the city that are saying, 'Hey, enough is enough.' I hope that will create enough motivation for the Mayor and the Governor to collaborate and get some things done."

Shortly after addressing the crowd, Lopez told the South End News, "We're here because we want a safe community for everyone, including those who need help. Everyone. We're here because we want to unite the South End and Roxbury, to present a united front to tell the mayor to tell the governor to [declare] this a state public health crisis and to figure out what we're going to do with Shattuck. Let's just open the bridge. Enough with the litigation. Families, students, children, don't have time for litigation anymore. They say this is going to take a six-year process. Do you know what this community is going to look like in six years?" Referring to the huge influx of non-Boston residents seeking services here, she added, "We are impacted by residents of other communities washing their hands of residents of their communities."

Addressing the group's goals, Lopez said, "Our first demand is that the governor declare this a state public health crisis. The city has done it but the state has not. The second thing we want as a short-term goal is for Shattuck Hospital to be used as a treatment facility for recovery. The third thing we want is: Open the bridge. That's what we're here for and if we have to come out here every Thursday, we'll come out here every Thursday."

Ashley Tenczar Curran, whose son



Photo by Michele D. Maniscalco

Damien Hughes, 27, of Westborough, had been coming to Mass and Cass for addiction treatment, but his life was cut short on July 31 when he was stabbed to death outside the Southampton Street shelter. In an anguished voice, Curran said, "Whether you are looking for drug treatment, whether you're homeless, whether you live in one of the brownstones here, call the Mayor. The Mayor wouldn't even come to my son's memorial, and he was killed in front of the tent the Mayor made. My son was killed at 7:30 AM by a mentally ill man. He needed services himself!" She continued by noting that other towns have no programs for their homeless and addicted residents.

"They aren't doing anything. Trying to find a shelter in Brookline, Boylston or Westborough. They are coming here and buying drugs, they are buying meth and they are going back home." Curran added, "I've been down there [at Mass and Cass] and I've spoken to the nurses. They are wonderful, but they are tired, they're overwhelmed."

A longtime Chester Square resident who has been in recovery from opiate addiction for over 20 years said, "Marty Walsh isn't doing anything. Anything! I walk out of my building and I see people shooting up every day. I believe that six years ago when Long Island closed, this area became the mecca for homelessness and drug addiction. Sixty percent of the people coming here are from outside the city. They are interviewed and they say, 'I'm coming here for the services,' but you aren't using the services if you are shooting up. We need to connect with the governor. Maybe he's heard about this. The mayor isn't doing anything. Anything! They turned the Roundhouse into a homeless shelter. A homeless shelter in an open-air drug market." The

resident also blamed lax law enforcement. "Rachael Rollins is part of the problem, too. She tells the police not to arrest them."

The protest was organized and publicized within two days, and although media outlets such as Telemundo were on the scene, representatives of the city and state did not attend. In a written statement, District 2 city councilor Ed Flynn said, "I don't believe my office was formally notified about the event. I've conducted several walkthroughs of the South End in recent weeks to listen to residents about quality of life issues and have seen on the ground conditions in the neighborhood. I did a walkthrough of the Southwest Corridor to Mass Ave with Rep. Santiago about a week and a half ago, and I had another walkthrough of the Mass/Cass area with Worcester Square residents, Councilors Wu and Essaibi-George, BPD, EMS, and other departments last month."

He continued, "I have also been recently asked by the Mayor to join the Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force, and will continue to advocate for more public safety presence in the South End, as well as more mental health services, housing resources, and addiction treatment services for those experiencing homelessness and addiction. I will continue to work with BPD, Mayor Walsh, my colleagues, neighbors and civic leaders on these critical public safety and quality of life issues."

South End Roxbury Community Partnerships 2.0 is planning to continue protests at Massachusetts Avenue and Washington Street weekly on Thursday evenings, and has a Facebook page to publicize its activities at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/seroxburycommunitypartnership/>.

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Intern

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– MassBio, MassBioEd, Life Science Cares and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center – the program is designed to help bridge the opportunity gap for underserved and minority students while building a pipeline of local and diverse talent in the life science industry.

“Project Onramp is a platform through which students seeking careers in the field can access valuable hands-on experience through internships at local biotechnology companies they otherwise may not have access to,” says Sarah MacDonald, Executive Director for Life Science Cares. “For many participating students, this is their first experience in the workforce. For participating employers, this is an opportunity to open doors for young people, many of whom are first generation or first to go to college in their families, into a growing and thriving industry.”

Growing up, Ruan always had a passion for nature and a curiosity to uncover why things are the way they are. His

favorite subject in school was always biology. Now, as a biology major at the University of Massachusetts Boston, he is excited to enter the life science industry. The rising senior plans to work in a lab doing clinical research after graduation.

“It doesn’t get much better than this internship and the opportunity to get real hands-on experience in a lab,” says Ruan. “I am learning so much, both hard and soft skills, from the proper ways to use various pipettes to how to communicate with a professional team. This experience has exceeded my expectations and I am confident that the skills I am learning here will translate to future jobs and give me an edge for potential employers.”

As a summer intern at Xilio Therapeutics, headquartered in Waltham, Ruan is responsible for performing molecular biology to support the production of protein therapeutic drug candidates. Project Onramp internships range from science and lab positions to disciplines in business administration, operations, human resources, marketing and communications. Bottom Line, a nonprofit that helps first-generation-to-college students from low income backgrounds get into college, suc-

cessfully graduate and find meaningful

careers, helps support students as they apply, interview and earn internships.

“Diversity and inclusion are important to us at Xilio and we are thrilled to participate in Project Onramp and to have Tony as part of our team this summer. Tony is making important contributions to our mission of delivering tumor selective immunotherapies to cancer patients” says Jennifer O’Neil, VP of Translational Oncology at Xilio Therapeutics. “We look forward to hearing about Tony’s future success in the biotechnology industry.”

Since its establishment in 2019, Project Onramp has placed more than 50 students in well-paid internships with top companies statewide. The program is funded in part by the State Universities of Massachusetts. For more information, visit: www.projectonrampma.com.

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families, available in 10 languages, asking them to indicate a learning model preference for each BPS student in their household. Next week, BPS will begin making calls to families who have not completed or may not have received the form to assist them with completing it. BPS will also email all families to confirm their selections, and will later provide

a school schedule and yellow bus transportation information, as applicable. Families may also request a change in their initial preferences selected in the form before the start of the school year.

For more information about learning models, as well as the most recent draft of our reopening plan, please visit bostonpublicschools.org/reopening. Families with questions can contact reopening@bostonpublicschools.org.

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The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.	
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IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.	
WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 17, 2020 <i>Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</i>	

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four years in a mixed community populated by Tlingit Indians, Alaska Native people, Whites and other nationalities, returning regularly to visit family in New York. Fern loved living in Alaska, where the scenery was wild and beautiful and the days were long and the strawberries grew fat.

Fern was eight years old when they traveled from Alaska to live outside of Albany, New York, integrating the small town of Delmar. Fern excelled in art and knew she wanted to be an artist from a young age. She completed Linton High School in Schenectady, New York, before moving to Boston to attend college in the fine arts program at Boston University, where she was mentored by John Wilson. Fern traveled to France to study art, and to Kenya to

visit her sister, Miki, and these were formative experiences for her.

Fern began teaching at the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts in 1970. Her commitment to teaching and creating art continued throughout her life. She taught in Boston Public Schools and then at the Park School in Brookline, where she taught art for over thirty years. Her students remember learning to draw live models, perspective drawings, and half-face drawings, making silver jewelry and sculpting clay heads, while Fern read Twilight Zone stories aloud to the class. She also founded and led the One World Club to help students learn about diverse cultures. She mentored countless students throughout the years.

Fern is best known for her public works of art, which beautify spaces throughout the City of Boston and honor Black history, experiences and communities while celebrating families

and relationships. Her first public sculpture, Save the Children, was completed in 1973, and was installed in concrete. After it was destroyed by vandals, Fern determined that she could still create outdoor art if she used a stronger medium. Her subsequent public pieces, cast in bronze, include Family Circle, which depicts a man, woman and child embracing, The Value of a Life, depicting two children remembering loved ones lost to violence, The Sentinel, depicting an African woman overlooking Forest Hills Cemetery, Step on Board, a memorial to Harriet Tubman, and Rise, completed with her cousin, artist Karen Eutemy, a tribute to the entry to Mattapan Square which honors the legacy of the various communities that have lived there throughout history. To honor Fern's "significant impact on Boston public art and the surrounding community," Mayor Martin Walsh declared August 20, 2020, Fern Cunningham-Terry Day in the City of Boston.

Fern was a devoted mother. She struggled and sacrificed to ensure her children had every opportunity for success while she taught and built her career as an artist. In her roles as teacher, artist, parent, and wife, she continued the legacy of excellence established by her parents and forebears. Fern married and divorced twice before marrying her beloved husband of 18 years, Alvin Terry. Fern is survived by her husband, Alvin, her four children, Kumasi, Shandalea, Autumn, and Kahlil Allen, twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild, her sister, Miki, two nieces, and a nephew. Fern left these parting words to be read at her homegoing: "I wish you all love and joy and the fulfillment of your dreams."

The family asks supporters to send donations in memory of Fern to support art programming in Boston communities.

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Information from the City of Boston

Haley House Food Pantry, 23 Dartmouth Street, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-236-8132

Rosie's Place/Pantry, 889 Harrison Ave., Mondays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:30-6:30 p.m.,

617-442-9322

Salvation Army/South End Food Pantry, 1500 Washington Street, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-536-5260.

Catholic Charities/El Centro del Cardena, Monsignor Reynolds Way, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-522-4040

Boston Medical Center Food Pantry, 1 Boston Medical Center Yawkey B, Monday

through Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 617-414-3834

Grant A.M.E./Self-Help, 1906 Washington St., First and third Thursday of the month: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-427-0670

American Red Cross/Mobile Market, 1033 Massachusetts Ave., Times vary, call ahead: 617-375-0735.

Islamic Multi Service Organization, 722 Shawmut Avenue, Second Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 4 p.m., 617-442-2805

Union United Methodist Church Food

Pantry, 485 Columbus Ave., Second Tuesday

of the month: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 617-287-1020

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Visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/map-covid19-food-resources> for a full list of pantries.



PLAN: Nubian Square

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, September 14
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Registration
bit.ly/3gXMnxu

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to Join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/Dat pwochen rankont yo se:

- October/Octubre/Oktòb 5
- November/Noviembre/Novanm 2

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.

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