



Dear Partners and Friends,

I hope this correspondence finds you and yours safe and healthy. The Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM) Board of Directors and administrative leadership continue to plan towards our re-opening, basing our decision first and foremost, on the wellbeing of students, staff and the community.

We have been working hard through the pandemic of COVID-19 and the rise in civil injustice, to continue serving our community by:

1. Supplying food, personal items, and emergency financial support for housing, to the most vulnerable in our community.
2. Giving guidance to individuals reaching out to us for job and unemployment support.
3. Updating parents on the Boston Public School System (BPS) announcements to assist navigation of educational resources and tools.
4. Utilizing our digital platforms to share information regarding critical issues such as the census, voting involvement and local emergency services.
5. Finding summer employment for 6 students at MIT.
6. Sponsoring 6 students to attend Architectural Camp at Boston Architectural College.
7. Beginning September classes in conjunction with Roxbury Community College, for CultivatED, which provides training in the emerging cannabis industry.
8. Providing virtual pro bono domestic & sexual violence legal services, through our partnership with Northeastern University Law School.

9. Appearances by the ULEM leadership team as guest speakers for presentations across the commonwealth, educating many about ULEM programs and community initiatives.

10. Establishing the **1619 Project**: A coalition of Black and Latinx organizations that are committed to protecting the right to vote.

Stay tuned for the next broadcast of our webinar series “**Leaders Over Lunch**” where I discuss current issues that dramatically impact our community with thoughtful leaders.

Our first guest in May was **Secretary Rosalin Acosta**, who helped us understand the new unemployment procedures to address COVID-19. In August, **National Urban League President Marc Morial** and I discussed the State of Black America, which can be downloaded and viewed at:  
<https://youtu.be/xYHF87bGddg>

During these challenging times let us also be mindful of the following:

**Census Deadline: Extended to October 30th**  
**EARLY VOTING – Early Voting by mail will begin when ballots are available**

**In person voting for the state elections will be October 17-30<sup>th</sup>. Early voting by city will be posted at [www.MassEarlyVote.com](http://www.MassEarlyVote.com)**

Finally, please know that your generosity is most appreciated at this time. To give go to:  
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Warm Regards,



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<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/LqQvI7LOk1>