

# BE THE CHANGE

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### MICHELLE WU

*Mayor of Boston*

Mayor Michelle Wu is working to make Boston a home for everyone.

Since taking office, she has invested more in making housing affordable than any other administration in Boston's history. In her first full year as mayor, gun violence fell to the lowest level on record in the city—and has continued to fall every year since. She promised a paid summer job to every BPS student who wanted one—and delivered, and has expanded Boston's Pre-K and early education to serve more children and families than ever before.

From climate resiliency and transportation, to public health and community safety, Mayor Wu has established Boston as a global leader in delivering solutions to the biggest challenges families are facing.

She has divested City funds from fossil fuels and ended their use in all new City construction and major renovations; saved residents and businesses more than \$230 million in energy costs through Boston's Community Choice Electricity Program; secured funding for thousands of new jobs to protect Boston's coastline; and doubled the number of trees planted on Boston's streets every year.

Mayor Wu has boosted public transit ridership in the city through fare-free Boston bus lines; installed more speed humps to protect





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pedestrians and neighbors on residential streets in the last two years than in the previous six combined; secured a board seat granting Boston a voice in governing the MBTA; and deployed new technology to optimize traffic signals and reduce congestion on Boston's roads.

Under her leadership, the City settled a collective bargaining process with law enforcement that set a national standard for accountability and community policing—investing in officer education, improving family leave policies, and ending arbitration as a way to avoid disciplinary action for the most serious offenses.

Building on the success of her BPS Sundays Pilot program, Mayor Wu worked to make nine of Boston's leading museums and cultural institutions free to all school-aged children in the city. As a Boston Public Schools mom, she has expanded early college and career programs to more high school students than ever before; invested in the District's first long-term vision for facilities informed by clear data and community standards; and delivered more resources for academics, arts, and student athletics across our neighborhoods.

Mayor Wu's administration has cut the ribbon on 20 new or newly-renovated public parks; supported more than 90 new small businesses in revitalizing formerly vacant neighborhood retail spaces, creating more than 800 new jobs; filled more than 18,000 potholes; and helped nearly 700 families become first-time homeowners through City of Boston programs.





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Mayor Wu is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She began her career in public service interning at City Hall for Mayor Tom Menino and is an alumna of the Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy. Mayor Wu lives in Roslindale with her husband Conor and their three children, Blaise, Cass, and Mira.

## **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH MAYOR WU**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Join us for an inspiring Fireside Chat with Mayor Michelle Wu in conversation with Dart Adams — a Boston-based journalist, researcher, and historian — this discussion will explore what lies ahead for Boston, while also reflecting on how we can honor the City's legacy as we shape its future. Rooted in this year's theme, Be the Change, the conversation reflects the City's continued focus on community-driven progress and making Boston a home for everyone. Join us to hear Mayor Wu's vision and thoughts on the change we are all called to represent.

