Greetings Ward 14 Resident,

City Council took a legislative break this past summer, which allowed me time to get out of City Hall and make deeper connections to the neighborhoods of Ward 14. It was great to walk throughout the community every day, meeting and greeting and listening to your concerns.

Over the summer, with the help of block clubs and local activists, we handled hundreds of constituent complaints, ranging from potholes to trash pickups to neighborhood annoyances.

I have to admit, sometimes the work of a public official in a big city can be somewhat challenging, but then I am reminded of the words by the late Mother Teresa: “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

And each of those ripples, the late Robert F. Kennedy once said, is a tiny accent of hope, moving and connecting with other ripples to “build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression.”

Here in Ward 14, I can see those ripples moving. I can see hope building in our community.

A good example is an art beautification program I organized this summer. More than 100 residents, joined by local artists, applied their artistic skills to painting trash bins and fire hydrants along Fulton Road and Clark Avenue.

The volunteer event marked the first step in creating a ward-wide beautification project.

I am committed to cleaning up, fixing up and lighting up our Ward 14 neighborhoods. So I’m putting out a call to arms – arms with rolled up sleeves – to help me in this endeavor.

Together, we can clean up litter and stop illegal dumping.

These are quality-of-life issues that concern us all. And you can help your neighborhood by reporting high weeds and grass, graffiti, standing water and abandoned properties and vehicles.

Meanwhile, the city continues its road...
October 15 – 29, a portion of Scranton Road will be closed northbound from West 25th Street to just before the entrance to the Elizabeth Severance Prentiss Center. Traffic will be rerouted to West 25th Street. Through traffic northbound on West 25th Street should use the left lane, reserving the right lane for drivers to turn onto Southpoint Drive and MetroHealth Drive. Drivers exiting the MetroHealth are encouraged to use MetroHealth Drive to access West 25th Street to travel south. Pedestrian traffic northbound on Scranton Road from West 25th Street will be routed to the west side of the street by a marked crosswalk. Pedestrians can cross back to the east side of Scranton at Southpoint.

Truck Activity on Scranton
As construction around the MetroHealth Transformation continues, you’re going to see dump trucks traveling on Scranton Road during the next few weeks. The trucks are hauling dirt from the hospital’s construction area to Clark Fields where the city will use it as fill for an environmental clean-up project. If you have questions, please email transformation@metrohealth.org

The MetroHealth Transformation is about more than building a new hospital on its main campus. The Transformation is also focusing on helping to solve issues that are important to the Councilwoman and to the residents of the Clark-Fulton neighborhood.

Being a good neighbor means knowing what’s going on in your community, being invested in its future, and supporting efforts to improve the area. But how do you do that when you’re a health system?

That’s exactly what MetroHealth asked Councilwoman Santana. Her solution? Come and see. And that’s what they did.

Recently the councilwoman took representatives from MetroHealth on a tour of the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. She wanted to show what’s working well, what needs improvement, and discuss how MetroHealth can help in both areas.

From one stop to the next, Councilwoman Santana showed everything she’s doing on behalf of our neighbors including year-round activities and programs for youth at organizations like City Life, and small businesses that form the backbone of Ward 14. There were robust discussions about improving vacant buildings, preventing violence, creating better access to healthy foods, and reducing health disparities. Based on the comments from the MetroHealth staff who participated in the tour, they are more dedicated that ever to creating partnerships that support all the good things that are happening in the area and will be helping to improve issues that restrict our neighborhood from being the most thriving community it can be.

MetroWest Development Housing Enforcement Pays Off

After two years of effort to hold an absentee landlord accountable for his properties in Brooklyn Center, Cleveland Housing Court found against LenL Properties, LLC and ordered the owner pay a $2,000 fine, get on a payment plan to repay the over $110,000 in delinquent property taxes, establish an escrow account of $10,000 to cover future demolition costs and other penalties. If conditions are not met, he faces a maximum fine of $535,000.

LenL Properties had at one time owned seven properties in the neighborhood, including one of which was torn down by the city. While LenL has transferred some of the properties to a new owner, MetroWest is committed to working to ensure landlords keep their properties up and up to the city’s code.

Councilwoman Santana on a Crusade to Clean Up Vacant Properties

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana is giving NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF VACANT LOTS AND STRUCTURES that they must maintain their properties free of high grass, weeds, refuse and other nuisances.

The following conditions have been declared by Cleveland City Council to be nuisances in violation of city ordinance 209.02:

- The grass is over 8” in height.
- Noxious weeds and wild plants capable of causing skin reaction upon contact or producing or aggravating hay fever, asthma, allergic respiratory reaction or similar conditions.
- Refuse, including trash, junk, garbage and food waste, offal, animal waste, tires and all other waste materials.
- Stagnant surface water.

The owner or person in control of a vacant lot or structure must remove or otherwise abate any listed nuisances no later than 30 days of receiving a notice of violation. If any nuisance on a vacant property is not abated as required, the city will take legal actions.

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You can’t just sit on the couch and watch TV were little. I’ve worked on bikes for the neighborhood kids. I’ve got 25 bikes community initiatives. I inform them of neighborhood issues and activist who communicates with residents, for more than 40 years. Tex’s first job in Cleveland was in the salt mines under Lake Erie. After three years of digging salt, he took a job at the old Alcoa plant on Harvard Avenue where he worked digging cement garbage cans around the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. Event partners included local artist Esbeey Madera, MetroHealth, Metro West Community Development Organization, Hispanic Business Center and Hispanic Alliance, Incorporated. MetroHealth employees who volunteered expressed interest in volunteering next time with their entire department. "The best part about volunteering is doing it with my kids," said MetroHealth Community Health Advocacy Manager Eduardo Munoz who attended with his two daughters, eleven-year-old Isabella and five-year-old daughter Aliyah. "Not only do we have fun, but it’s a great way to teach them how important it is to chip in to make the world a better place."

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Healthy Babies from the Start
(Bebés sanos desde el principio)

For the entire City of Cleveland nearly 9 babies die before their first birthday out of 1,000 babies born. But there are numerous programs and services available free of charge in Cleveland. Make sure your baby has the best start in life. If you are expecting a child and would like more information about services and programs for future moms and dads, please call:

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Dia de los Muertos Party

SAVE THE DATE:
Wed., November 7

On November 7, join MetroHealth to celebrate the memory of loved ones and friends at a free Dia de los Muertos celebration with food, music, and a showing of the award-winning movie Coco. More details coming soon!

Celebrating the Season

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, December 1
3:00 - 6:00 pm

Join MetroHealth and Turner Construction to celebrate the season with an outdoor tree lighting on Saturday, December 1, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. including free hot cocoa, photo opportunities, entertainment and giveaways. Free parking will be available in the Scranton parking lot across from the main campus.

Two affordable-rate new housing programs are underway in Ward 14, promising developments of 52 new single-family homes. Cleveland Housing Network (CHN), through its Lease Purchase Program, will be offering 22 three-bedroom, single-family homes at $660 a month. The new homes, part of International Village, will be completed in February 2019. Applications will be available in late November.

CHN is also developing new homes through La Villa Hispana MetroHealth District Affordable Housing Initiative. Thirty single-family homes will be available to low-income families through the lease purchase program. The energy-efficient homes will be built on various vacant lots in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. Construction is expected to begin next summer. More information will be available near the completion of construction.

Las Tienditas del Mercado Opens on West 25th

September 21st marked the grand opening of Las Tienditas del Mercado, a business incubator space for Hispanic and Latino businesses located at 2886 West 25th Street.

The shops that have opened in the building are Pura Cepa, a restaurant specializing in traditional Puerto Rican cuisine; Café Social Latinoamericano offers Latin American coffee and sweets; and Ortiz Art Drafts Designs provides drafting/graphic design and printing services. Councilwoman Santana encourages everyone to support these great shops and all of our local businesses.

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