

## Congresswoman Alma Adams' July Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

Especially during the continued pandemic crisis, I want to keep you up to date on what's going on in our office, and how I'm working on your behalf in Washington.

Our monthly newsletter highlights our successes, as well as important public information, as we continue to work together to build "One Meck" - across Charlotte, Huntersville, Matthews, Cornelius, Mint Hill, Davidson, and Pineville.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I'm honored to fight for you and your family in the 117th Congress.

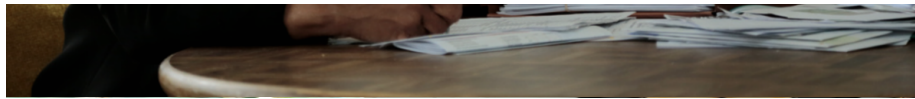
Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.



## Fighting for Mecklenburg Residents





Earlier this year, I voted for the American Rescue Plan Act to bring critical relief to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, our six towns, and Charlotte Douglas International Airport. The legislation put vaccines in arms to help us crush COVID-19; it put money in your pockets through a third stimulus payment and the child tax credit; it includes an investment in K-12 education to put our children and grandchildren safely back in school; and it puts people back in jobs.

If you or your family is having trouble accessing your benefits from the American Rescue Plan, [please reach out to my office at AdamsHouse.Gov](https://www.adams.house.gov), where we're fighting every day for you.

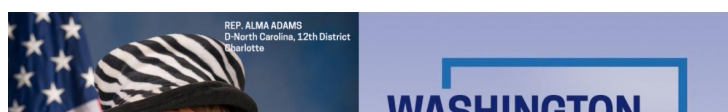


Our office [provided resources](#) for families to make sure they're eligible for the Child Tax Credit.

To learn more about the American Rescue Plan and its benefits, [visit WhiteHouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov).



In July, both [Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra](#) and [Education Secretary Miguel Cardona](#) visited the 12th Congressional District to highlight how the American Rescue Plan and the Biden Administration are helping North Carolina Build Back Better.





On Wednesday, I joined Washington Journal live on C-SPAN and took questions from viewers who called into the show. [You can watch the replay here.](#)



## IN THE NEWS

### ***WCNC Charlotte: Congresswoman joins fight to help Huntersville recover \$12 million in lost American Rescue Plan money***

*HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — A national lawmaker is applying new pressure on the North Carolina General Assembly to come to the aid of one of Charlotte's largest suburbs after the federal government shorted the Town of Huntersville millions of dollars in pandemic relief.*

*WCNC Charlotte's investigation identified the American Rescue Plan Act's lack of equity in June. Congresswoman Alma Adams, a Democrat who represents North Carolina's 12th district, and fellow Democrat Natasha Marcus, who represents the 41st District, referenced WCNC Charlotte's findings in a letter sent to Senate President Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore Monday.*

[Learn More](#)

### ***Axios Charlotte: A call to pause evictions for another month in Mecklenburg***

*U.S. Rep. Alma Adams is calling on local officials to halt evictions in Mecklenburg County as federal protections are set to expire, according to a letter she shared with Axios.*

***What's happening:** Adams, whose district covers most of Charlotte, sent [the letter](#) to Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden, Chief District Court Judge Elizabeth Trosch and Mecklenburg County Clerk of Superior Court Elisa Chinn-Gary Tuesday afternoon asking for an effective ban on evictions through the month of August or later.*

- *Adams says the local moratorium is necessary so that those who have not yet applied for the assistance can have a chance to do so.*

- *RAMPCLT, the local rental and mortgage assistance program funded with federal stimulus money, has helped more than 5,600 households, according to Adams' letter. But it has had almost three times as many applicants.*
- *Crisis Assistance Ministry has provided rent and utility aid to more than 17,000 families during COVID-19, she says.*

[Learn More](#)

## ***Charlotte Post: North Carolina and federal bills target Black maternal health; Lawmakers look to close mortality gaps***

*New federal legislation would examine why maternal health is a crisis for Black women.*

*Two bills under the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021 – Data to Save Moms and Social Determinants for Moms – focus on research to improve the health of all women, specifically Black women.*

*“Since the start of the pandemic, we really realized that there was a serious problem within black maternal health, that the disproportionate rate of mortality and morbidity among our black women is a crisis,” said U.S. Rep. Alma Adams, a Democrat whose congressional district includes Charlotte. “It’s still a crisis, and of course in the pandemic, it was a crisis within a crisis.”*

*Adams introduced the Black Maternal Momnibus Act in the House of Representatives in March 2020, around the time the country shut down because of the pandemic. The legislation would enact policy changes like 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage, investments in rural maternal health, promotion of a diverse perinatal workforce, and implicit bias training to addresses mortality and morbidity rates among women, specifically Black moms and babies. In North Carolina, 12 bills that closely mirror federal legislation have been introduced by state lawmakers.*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **National Night Out - Tuesday, August 3**

**Congresswoman Adams and her staff will visit National Night Out events across the 12th Congressional District. For more information on National Night Out,**

[click here.](#)

## Virtual 12th District Job Fair - Thursday, August 19

From 12 Noon to 2 PM, join the Office of Congresswoman Adams for a job fair that will connect constituents to local opportunities. [Click here to register.](#)

## Housing Town Hall - Thursday, August 26

Hear from stakeholders impacted by the lack of safe, affordable housing and its impact on their lives, addressing jobs/wages, source of income discrimination, evictions, mental health impact and academic performance of students. [Click here to register.](#)



# DISTRICT UPDATE

I'm happy to share the following updates from our District Office:

- [We launched a Housing Resource page on my website.](#) This page has valuable links and contact information for homeowners, renters or the homeless who need to know where to turn for help. Federally allocated funds are still available for those in need of rental assistance. Contact [RampCLT.com](#) for more information.
- On June 30, my staff attended the Groundbreaking for the Main Street Project in Huntersville, partially funded by \$12 million in federal funds.
- On July 4, my staff caught up with Fire Engine No. 1 in Mint Hill on Independence Day.
- On July 7, [I hosted Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.](#)
- On July 12, [I hosted Education Secretary Miguel Cardona.](#)
- On July 13, my staff met with NCBioTech to discuss legislative priorities.
- On July 14, I gave remarks at the official renaming of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Julius L. Chambers High School, in honor of one of our district's Civil Rights icons.
- On July 15, I met with ARRIVAL Automotive, USA CEO Mike Ableson and his team to learn about their US headquarters in Charlotte and their production of electric buses and commercial delivery vehicles.
- On Wednesday, July 21, I met with International Paper to discuss

their operations and infrastructure.

- On July 22, my staff met with the Katie B. Reynolds Foundation regarding Black Maternal Health and their activities to support the health outcomes of moms and babies.
- On July 23, my staff met with North Carolina State Health Plan to hear their legislative priorities.
- On July 24, my staff attended the launch of the 2021 season of the Actor's Theater of Charlotte. The ATC credits the PPP program I voted for with their ability to survive the pandemic.



## FEDERAL GRANTS FOR THE DISTRICT

I'm proud to announce over \$37 million in federal grants to the 12th Congressional District in July. Recipients included UNCC, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte Area Transit (CATS), Mecklenburg County, Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, and Quality Home Services. The total includes an \$11 million American Rescue Plan grant for Phase 2 of the CityLynx Gold Line Streetcar, which opens next month.



## THE HBCU CAUCUS PODCAST

We're happy to announce the [HBCU Caucus Podcast](#). Right now, our HBCUs are having a moment. From Beyoncé's groundbreaking Divine Nine-inspired performance in her Homecoming concert, to Vice President Kamala Harris' election as the first HBCU graduate on a winning presidential ticket, HBCUs are showing up in the culture like never before. The HBCU Caucus Podcast will highlight the importance of HBCU culture, graduates, students, and institutions.

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