

Alma Adams' September Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

As Washington works to deliver critical infrastructure legislation; pass a continuing resolution to prevent a government shutdown and preserve the full faith and credit of the United States; and consider the *Build Back Better Act*, 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.

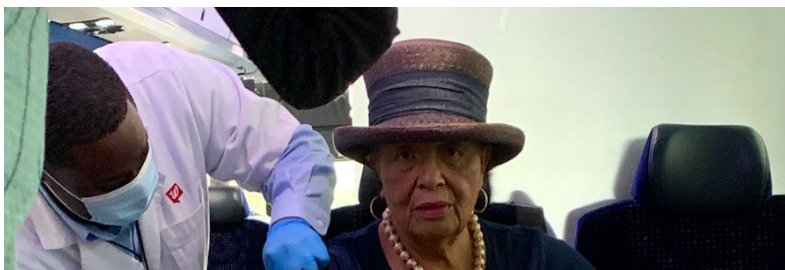
I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent you, and I'm honored to fight for you and your family in the 117th Congress.

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.



Our Shot at Life





Earlier this month, **I received my COVID-19 booster shot** (and my annual flu shot) at our pop-up vaccine clinic in Mint Hill. Our attendees included people who had been hesitant to get the vaccine, but know that getting the shot is the fastest way to get our lives back to normal.

This Friday, our office will host another opportunity to get vaccinated during our Emergency Rental Assistance Application Pop-Up at the Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte.

If you haven't received your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, **I strongly encourage you to do so.**

I got the first shot and the second shot early this year. I got the booster (and President Biden got his this week as well). I still wear a mask.

I do all of this not only because I want to be around to see my grandchildren grow up, **but also so I'm less likely to spread COVID to others.**

Please consider your family, coworkers, and neighbors.

Please get the shot.

- Alma

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SEGURO • EFECTIVO • SIN COSTO DE BOLSILLO

COVID-19 VACCINES

VACUNAS PARA COVID-19

NOW AVAILABLE IN
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Go online to register **NOW**:
Vaya en línea para registrarse **AHORA**:
StarMed.care

The Park Expo & Conference Center
800 Briar Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28205

- **Friday (Viernes) Oct. 1st**
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(Pfizer and Moderna Vaccine)

Walk-Ups welcome or
Register by phone: 980-445-9818
Register online: [StarMed.care](https://www.starmed.com)
Los Walk-Ups son bienvenidos o
Regístrese por teléfono: 980-445-9818
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Your **FREE COVID-19** vaccine comes with more than peace of mind:

Su vacuna **COVID-19 GRATIS** viene con más que tranquilidad.



FACT:
Both mRNA (Pfizer, Moderna) and viral vector (Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca) vaccines do enter cells, but not the nucleus of the cells where DNA resides. The mRNA causes the cell to make protein to stimulate the immune system, and then it quickly breaks down without affecting your DNA.

[Click here to watch coverage from our vaccine pop-up, including testimonials from people who got the shot.](#)



IN THE NEWS

The Atlantic: How Congressional Maps Really Work

In 2016, North Carolina GOP State Representative David Lewis infamously said of his plan to pass a new congressional map, “I propose that we draw the maps to give a partisan advantage to 10 Republicans and three Democrats, because I do not believe it’s possible to draw a map with 11 Republicans and two Democrats.” Lewis’s words weren’t blatant braggadocio so much as a shrewd declaration that his motives were partisan, not racial.

Just weeks earlier, a panel of federal judges had ruled in Democrats’ favor to strike down the GOP’s 2011 plan for unnecessarily packing Black voters into two seats with squidlike shapes, and one judge complained that “traditional redistricting principles were subordinated to race.”

One of those seats, North Carolina’s Twelfth, is the most litigated district of all time. In the early 1990s, it meandered 160 miles, from Gastonia to Durham, grabbing every Black voter it could, at points only contiguous via the median strip of Interstate 85. In the 2016 court-ordered remapping, Republicans finally condensed it into a neat, compact seat in Charlotte—reducing its Black voting-age population share from 50 percent to 35 percent—and cutting incumbent Representative Alma Adams’s home 90 miles north, in Greensboro, out of the seat. Adams, however, moved to Charlotte and easily won reelection in the new Twelfth District. Today, she’s happy with the outcome.

“I was never comfortable with all the packing. I think it limits the participation we can have as African Americans.”

[Learn More](#)

AgriPulse: House Ag members working to address lagging HBCU funding

Rep. Alma Adams, D-N.C., another ag committee member, said the committee is “trying to create opportunities” in agriculture and related academic programs to “really get young people interested in looking at this as a viable career.”

She has introduced the bipartisan, bicameral IGNITE HBCU Excellence Act, which would help make up for deferred maintenance and outdated lab facilities at the 1890s and other historically Black colleges and universities.

These efforts build upon a legacy of past and current programs aimed at addressing historical inequities in how the land-grant system has treated its HBCUs.

[Learn More](#)

QCity Metro: New West End mural honors Charlotte's Black history makers

Inspiration for the mural came from a sermon by the Rev. Clifford A. Jones, pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, who once referred to the Beatties Ford Road community as a “river of life” because of the many impactful people who came from and through the corridor, Jackson said.

With that inspiration, the River of Life mural was birthed honoring Bertha Maxwell-Roddey, James Ferguson, Julius Chambers, Hattie “Chatty Hattie” Leeper, Harvey Gantt and Sarah Stevenson.

The project is an opportunity to have public art in the neighborhood that reflects its history and to also “give people their flowers now,” Jackson said ...

*[Sarah Stevenson] was the first Black woman to serve on the Charlotte School Board of Education, from 1980-1984. **U.S. Rep. Alma Adams honored Stevenson last year during a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.** She called Stevenson a “crown jewel” for her work to make Charlotte’s school system more inclusive.*

[Learn More](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Emergency Rental Assistance Application Pop-Up OCTOBER 1st - 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Congresswoman Adams will host a midday and afternoon pop-up rental assistance event in Charlotte. Rental assistance applicants can receive assistance from **11:00 AM to 6:00 PM** at The Park Expo And Conference Center on Independence Blvd. (800 Briar Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28205).

Staff from RAMP and Mecklenburg County will be available, and **COVID-19 vaccine shots will be available from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** as well.

[Click here to share the event with your network on Facebook!](#)

FROM THE OFFICE OF REP. ALMA S. ADAMS, PH.D.

**NEED HELP COMPLETING THE
RAMPCLT EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION?**



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION POP-UP & VACCINATION CLINIC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

THE PARK EXPO AND CONFERENCE CENTER
800 BRIAR CREEK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28205

RAMP STAFF AND COMPUTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE



DREAMKEY
PARTNERS



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
North Carolina



@RepAdams

IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT APPLICATION ON FILE WITH RAMPCLT THERE IS NO NEED TO ATTEND



DISTRICT UPDATE

Our team is happy to share the following updates from our District Office:

- On September 4, Rep. Adams participated in the HBCU Living Legends event to honor scholarship recipients and outstanding HBCU alumni.
- On September 11, Rep. Adams was the keynote speaker at the "A Lady of Influence" annual brunch, speaking to the importance of remembering the sacrifices made on 9/11.
- On September 14, Rep. Adams and our staff met with the Coalition for Food Security Puerto Rico to discuss the Closing the Meal Gap Act and territory provisions.
- On September 15, Rep. Adams was the keynote speaker for the National Domestic Workers Alliance Town Hall.
- On September 17, Rep. Adams gave opening remarks at the "Moguls in the Making" event with TMCF and Ally Bank to prepare talented Black students to become future entrepreneurs.



CASEWORK HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our district office handles thousands of constituent cases every year. Each month, I hope to highlight an example of our staff going above and beyond for our constituents.

This month, I was happy to get the following note about our office's work helping a constituent receive disability benefits:

"How fast you got SSA [Social Security Administration] to start my disability! I got your letter on Friday, and my benefits got deposited the following Monday. Thanks and God Bless you and your staff."

We're here to serve you, so don't hesitate to reach out to our office.

- Alma



HERE TO SERVE YOU

If you would like more information on grants, assistance with government agencies, flag requests, tours, passports, or student assistance, please

CLICK HERE



FINAL THOUGHTS

I was proud to vote for the CARES Act, which provided emergency relief during the pandemic. Just this week, [Axios Charlotte reported](#) on how that funding helped keep Charlotte's music venues in business during their hardest year ever.

Our work isn't done. I will continue working in Congress to make sure that all of our small businesses, schools, non-profits, workers, and families affected by this pandemic get the relief they need.

Thanks for reading!

- Alma



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NOTE: Our offices are currently closed to in-person visits due to COVID-19. We will be happy to assist you via phone or email.

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