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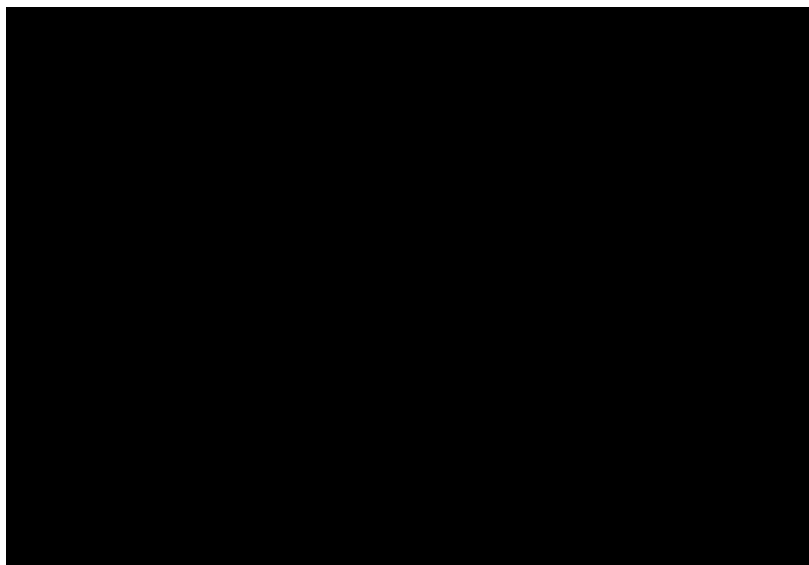
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Governor Patrick visits Jamaica Plain for 'summer conversation'

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In this video, Governor Deval Patrick briefly describes what his "summer conversations" meetings.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Governor Deval Patrick stopped through Johnson Park in Jamaica Plain Tuesday afternoon to address residents and take comments and questions at an event that is part of a series of local meetings his office calls "summer conversations."

The crowd included residents and fellow elected officials.

In the above video, Patrick briefly describes what his summertime meetings are about.

This week ,the Globe detailed the governor's "summer conversations" tour saying, in part:



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Gov. Deval Patrick in Jamaica Plain Tuesday.

Aides and supporters say there is no hidden agenda to

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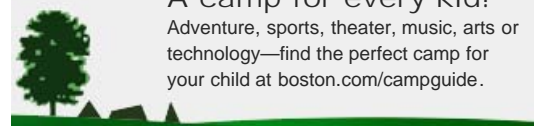
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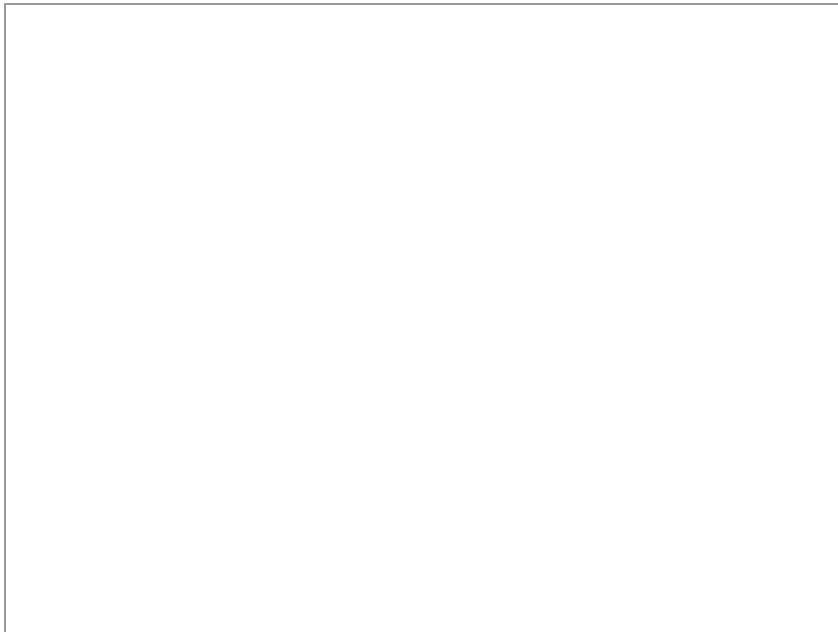
the frenetic public pace, noting that he held summer tours throughout his first term. They say it is just Patrick playing to his strengths, a politician who is willing to meet the public without screening their questions ahead of time. Patrick himself says it is his way of interacting directly with residents and not through the media.

Others add that it helps him wield political clout on Beacon Hill - reminding legislators that he remains popular in their districts - and insulates him from criticism that he is leaving the state too often as he builds a national profile and prepares to campaign on behalf of President Obama.

It may also prove useful when, as the state's top Democrat, he gears up to help his party challenge Senator Scott Brown, a Republican who has been criticized for not holding town meetings of his own.

To read that entire Globe article, click here.

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Gov. Deval Patrick addresses a resident's question at Johnson Park Tuesday afternoon

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