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Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year to you and yours!

I hope that you're starting 2022 out healthy, happy and optimistic about the new year. With the relocation of my office and an entire year ahead of us, I look at it as a time of new beginnings. I am looking forward to all that I believe we can accomplish throughout 2022, inspired by the progress we made in the last year.

This newsletter is intended to give you a look back at the work my team and I did for you and the community in the last year, to provide information about what we have planned in the weeks and months ahead and to give you valuable information about state government-related services that you may find helpful.

From working to address gun violence to bringing dollars back to the district to supporting projects in our community, I am committed to doing all that I can in Harrisburg and here at home to help you.

If you have questions about anything you read in this newsletter, or if there's a particular issue you'd like my team's help with, please reach out to me by email at RepCephas@pahouse.net, or call my office at (215) 879-6625.

I hope to see you soon.

2022 BUDGET & POLICY PRIORITIES

- ✓ Investments in Gun Violence Reduction
- ✓ Expanding Childcare Resources
- ✓ Increasing Health Equity
- ✓ Access to Housing and Rental Assistance
- ✓ Small Business Investments
- ✓ Building Equitable Neighborhoods

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2021

Legislation

41

Bills Co-Sponsored

5

Bills Authored

2

Resolutions Co-Sponsored

2

Amendments Introduced

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NEW DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Operation Safe Streets

One of the primary concerns I have for residents of the 192nd District is safety. 2021 was a record-breaking year for the city of Philadelphia regarding gun violence, and West Philadelphia saw its fair share. With this in mind, I am rolling out my strategic plan to combat gun violence and improve safety for our community. Through public-private partnerships, smart and timely investments, common-sense policy and legislation, as well as community engagement, I know we can make the District a safer place to live.

To kick off this initiative, I hosted a virtual “Meet the Funder” event, specifically for organizations working in the gun violence prevention space – connecting them to city and state grant opportunities. They received information on the Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and got a chance to ask questions directly to funding agencies and departments. I look forward to continuing this targeted work by identifying hot spots in the neighborhood, identifying areas to increase lighting and working with the local police district to bring resources back to the District to support community-focused efforts.

Beautify the 192nd

Philadelphia has a Litter Index which is operated by trained staff in the City departments responsible for surveying and documenting litter on city streets, sidewalks, vacant lots, and other public property. The index estimates a litter count across communities in Philadelphia ranging from (1) little to no litter, (2) litter in the amount that can be picked up by one person, (3) litter in the amount that would need a team to clean up, to (4) litter that would require a large cleanup effort and/or heavy machinery to remove debris.

The 192nd is no stranger to trash, overflowing dumpsters, short dumping, cluttered alleys and driveways. My team and I have heard from our neighbors, and we recognize that the overwhelming trash, litter, and pollution take away from the beauty of our streets, communities, and homes. We know it's time to put a plan of action in place.

My new initiative, Beautify the 192nd, supports improving the places where we live, work, and play so that they are places that are safe, clean, and accessible. By targeting “hot spots,” identified by the Philadelphia Litter Index and implementing best practices, we will work with community partners and residents to clean up the streets, remove the blight and maintain our homes for ourselves and generations to come. Contact my office if you are interested in hosting a clean-up or to find out other ways you can be a part of the solution. Lookout for more information and targeted activities near you.

Keep in touch for more information on the upcoming Beautify the 192nd Kick-Off!

192nd GEAR(S) - Giving Everyone a Chance to Ride... Safely

Inspired by last year's Bike to School Day with Samuel Gompers School and Science Leadership Academy Beeber, my team and I are gearing up to get the 192nd District Ready 2 Ride through a series of activities, including a districtwide rideability analysis, equipment distribution and a community ride-along. We're working with a series of partners of school administrators, parents, students, community members and industry experts to bring these activities to a location near you. Stay tuned for more information on how you can get yourself and your family ready to ride.

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'Keep It Cool' Fan Giveaway August/September

Committed to keeping seniors and our sick and shut-in neighbors informed and safe during the year's hottest days, I distributed information on the season's most popular programs including the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program and the Property Tax/Rent Rebate and provided 50 residents across the district with a window fan to help keep cool.



Carroll Park Resource Fair | October

I partnered with Councilmember Curtis Jr. and Commissioner Omar Sabir for the Carroll Park Resource Fair, bringing community members city and state resources, the booster shot and a day of family friend

19TH DISTRICT



Handyperson Home Improvement Pilot Program Tour | August

With the help of the PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), Overbrook West Neighbors and a group of local and minority-owned contractors, we have been able to make repairs and improvements on nearly 30 homes in the Overbrook community. I had the opportunity to meet some of the business owners and to see some of the projects up close.



Fall Resource Drive and Drop (Haddington, Wynnefield, Overbrook, Overbrook Park) November 20 and 22

I visited neighbors of the 192nd at their homes, Vine Memorial Baptist Church and Samuel Gompers School to distribute fall resources and deliver over 80 turkeys leading up to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Information on the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and community health resources were shared.



Bike to School Day with Samuel Gompers School and SLA Beeber (Wynnefield) October 19

I joined students, staff and families of Samuel Gompers School and SLA Beeber, Safe Routes Philly, and Indego for Bike to School Day. The 19th District police helped us arrive safely and I took the time to get a closer look at ways to improve rideability and access to safe spaces in the 192nd District.



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Back to School Protest at SLA Beeber August 30

I stood with students, parents, faculty, staff, and other elected officials to demand much needed attention on some of the school building conditions amidst the COVID-19 pandemic before sending our students back to in-person learning.



Gun Buy Back (Overbrook) October 9

I partnered with local stakeholders to host a Gun Buy Back at Holy Cross Baptist Church where community members could safely and anonymously dispose of firearms – no questions asked. These gun buybacks have collected more than 1000 guns in 2021 as part of a larger strategy to get guns off the streets and support safer communities.



Morris Park Tour November 23

I was able to meet with the Friends of Morris Park to identify strategic points for growth and commit to a renewed partnership, focused on continued upkeep, investment and expansion of this public space in our community.



Overbrook Park Vaccine Clinic | December 10

I was invited to join Penn Medicine, McDonald's Franchisee Tonya Holliday, Councilmember Curtis Jones Jr., and Senator Vincent Hughes as community members came out in preparation for the holiday season to get vaccinated to help keep themselves and their families safe and healthy. Over 90 residents were able to get vaccinated and boosted, and my team and I provided state resources to over 100 people on site.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

District Office Operations

Join me and my team for the Grand Opening of my **NEW** District Office at 7538 Haverford Avenue on Saturday, February 19th at 10 a.m. We hope that you can join us!

SAVE THE DATE!
Rep. Cephas is hosting a
Grand OPENING
for her new office location at
7538 Haverford Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19151
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Join us for refreshments, meet the team and receive information on all of the state services our office can provide.
Rep. Cephas will also be sharing District updates and the plan for the new year.

District Office Satellite Sites

With the relocation of my district office and the ongoing needs of our community, it couldn't be a more important time for me to ensure residents across the district have access to State services. Throughout next year, we will be hosting pop-up offices at different locations across the district where you can make an appointment for assistance with state services and other community resources. We will be on-site at each location and able to provide most of the same services we provide in the district office including but not limited to PENNDOT driver and vehicle services, SEPTA Senior ID applications and Unemployment Compensation assistance.

Keep in touch for more info on the satellite sites and come visit us at a location convenient for you! *

Haddington Library | 1st Wednesdays
446 N. 65th Street (Girard Ave.)

Boost CDC | 2nd Wednesdays
6010 Lansdowne Ave.

Episcopal Community Services | 3rd Wednesdays
6006 Girard Ave.

*Subject to change.

\$7.2 Million brought back to **District 192**

2021

Public Safety \$3.4M
Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Saint Joseph's University
ACHIEVEability

Community Improvements \$2.686M
Wynnefield Tar Heels/
Papa Playground Recreation Center
ACHIEVEability
Wynnefield Overbrook Revitalization Cooperation
Wynnefield Rebels
Cobbs Creek Foundation
Shepard Recreation Center

Schools \$88,190
Harambee Institute of Science & Technology Charter School
School District of Philadelphia
Universal Institute Charter School

Housing \$1M
Good Shepherd Senior

Workforce Development \$50,000
TechCORE2

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Constituent Services
2021

2,273 Cases Completed
1,028 Senior Services

900+ COVID Testing + Vaccine Services

468 Property Tax/ Rent Rebates
\$300K in Rebates

681 Unemployment

6,966 Total Services Provided

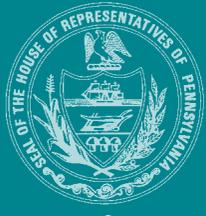
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 15th | Tele-Townhall
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | We'll call you!

Feb 17th | State of the 192nd Town Hall
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Location TBD

**Feb 26th | Drive & Drop
Community Shredding Event**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | St. Barbara's Church

**March 12th | Youth Employment
Workshop Series**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Multiple Locations

May 12th | The Overbrook Night Market
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

