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A NOTE FROM ELIZABETH

Dear Neighbor,

The year is coming to an end, and so is my second term as your State Representative. Serving you in Harrisburg and South Philly is an immense honor, and I am thankful for the opportunity to continue serving South Philadelphia. While I'm proud of the work that my staff and I have done over the last four years, I know that there is still so much to do!

Navigating our government is too often a trying experience, but over the last four years, my office staff — Elvia, Hugo, Mike, Patti, and Steve; plus others before them — have helped constituents with over 16,000 state services. We've helped neighbors get unemployment compensation, food, health care, housing, heat and water, SEPTA

senior passes, disabled parking placards, birth certificates, and more. We've also been able to bring back millions in state grants for local libraries, schools, recreation centers, and community organizations.

In Harrisburg, I've fought to create an economy of care that benefits working people, parents, children, and seniors. I've pushed for paid parental and sick leave, subsidies for early childcare, funding for public education, and support for nursing homes and home health care workers. I've advocated for investments in libraries, recreation centers, parks, after-school programs, and community-based violence prevention. I've defended our democracy, because I believe that voting should be easy, and every Americans' vote should count.

Much of the work I've done in Harrisburg has made a difference: this year's state budget saw historic investments in public education, state parks, and community violence intervention programs. But our plans to help people too often have been rejected by those who push tax cuts for big corporations and the very rich. I know that 2022 has been another challenging year, and that we continue to lose many beloved family members and friends, but South Philadelphia has stayed resilient, and I'm thankful that our community remains such a diverse and vibrant place to live.

In solidarity,
Elizabeth Fiedler
State Representative
House District 184

GRANTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

I continue to work hard to bring state grant money back to South Philadelphia. This fall, in collaboration with Senator Nikil Saval, I helped secure a \$200,000 grant for Sunrise of Philadelphia. Sunrise is an organization that runs free after-school and summer programs at several South Philly schools, including Key, Kirkbride, Southwark, and South Philadelphia HS. At a time when violence has been far too common in our city, it is crucial that we invest in programs like Sunrise, and ones that provide kids with safe places to develop and be mentored.

I was also thrilled to announce a \$25,000 grant for the South Philadelphia Older Adult Center. The Center and its staff offer a wide variety of programs and services for seniors. To help serve fresh, healthy food, the grant will be used to renovate the kitchen so more meals can be made on site.

In addition, I was able to deliver a \$20,000 grant for Furness High School. This grant will be used to install a new sound system in the school's auditorium.



Rep. Fiedler with Brianna Morales and Vince Litrenta of Sunrise.

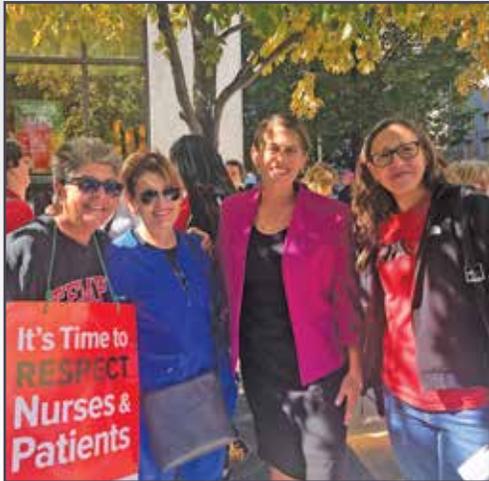


It was my pleasure to join the Principals, staff, students and parents of Key School and A.S. Jenks School to announce grants I helped bring back to improve the playground and outdoor space at both schools!

STANDING WITH WORKERS



Unions built the middle class, but since the 1970s, union membership has declined, leading to stagnant wages for workers. Strong unions are key to fighting for policies that help workers like living wages, affordable and accessible health care, paid family leave, and fair scheduling. This fall, I joined members of the Philadelphia Art Museum Union on the picket line of their historic three-week strike. The effort culminated in their first contract! These courageous workers won wage increases, parental and bereavement leave, and reduced health care costs.



I also rallied with members of the Temple University Graduate Student Association (TUGSA). Our district and city are home to many proud alums, but graduate workers at the school have been without a contract since February, even though Temple University took in \$238 million in excess revenue last year. While undergrads at Temple are taking on thousands more in debt, the people who teach their core courses can't even afford to live in the city where they work. Over the last few years — in Philadelphia and across the country — there has been a surge of labor organizing and action. I will always support workers!

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I'm here to help!



My team and I can help with:

- Birth and Death Certificates
- CHIP and SNAP
- Disability Plates and Placards
- Driver's License and Real ID questions
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- Questions about Legislation
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- Unemployment Compensation
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- And Much More!

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UPDATE FROM HARRISBURG

This fall was a busy time in Harrisburg. I advocated for state investments in job training, in recreation centers and schools, and for voter rights and abortion rights.

In the chamber of the House this session, I took more than 100 votes on pieces of legislation including SB 225, which I was glad to support. In our current for-profit health care system, for certain procedures, physicians need to get approval from insurance companies before a patient can be treated. SB 225 streamlines the process, reducing costs and allowing people to get the care they need sooner.

Another good bill that I supported is SB 522, which will ensure that all pregnant women and all children in Pennsylvania receive blood tests to detect lead poisoning. Exposure to lead is especially harmful to children during early formative years, so I am happy this legislation became law.

Throughout the fall, I worked with other Democrats in the House to introduce a package of legislation that would protect abortion rights for Pennsylvanians, improve access to abortion services, and protect the rights of people from other states who come to Pennsylvania seeking

abortion care. A highlight was a reproductive rights rally that I organized with PA Stands Up, Make the Road, Planned Parenthood, and other groups. Together, our coalition of elected officials and allies sent the message that people, not politicians, should make their own health care decisions.

I am also working to increase funding for gun violence prevention programs right here in our city and for investments in job training that will better connect students with career opportunities after they graduate. Stay tuned for updates!

2023

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- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Disability plates and placards
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, welfare)
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- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
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- Problems or questions about the state lottery



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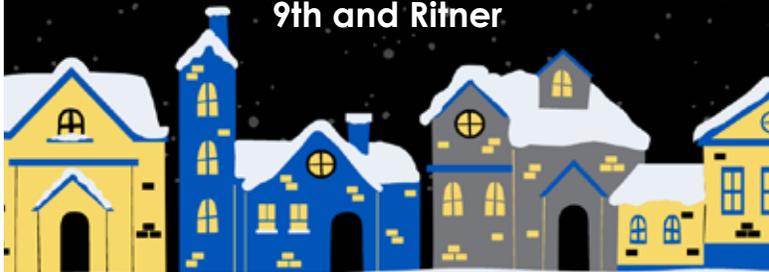
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Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16

11am - 1pm

South Philly Older Adult Center

Passyunk Ave. and Dickinson St.

Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17

11am - 1pm

Whitman Library

2nd and Snyder Ave.

Dec. 20, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 21

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