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A NOTE FROM ELIZABETH

We're here to serve you! From helping our neighbors at our 9th and Ritner District Office, to bringing back grant dollars for parks, playgrounds, and community centers in our area, to passing important legislation in Harrisburg, my team and I are hard at work. It's an honor to represent you!

This year, we've helped our neighbors navigate the state services they rely on, while assisting them explore new ones that may be beneficial to them either now or in the future. This has resulted in over 4,000 constituent cases being resolved so far this year and we still have a few more months left in 2023! Since I was elected to office in 2018, we've helped over 24,000 neighbors in total! Incredible! We help seniors get their free SEPTA pass, provide resources for food and housing, assist in unemployment claims, help neighbors keep their heat and water on, and so much more.



I'm excited about the movement that's happening in the legislature, including votes on legislation I've written and several other critical policies. You'll hear more about that inside this newsletter. I ran for office to help people, and my team and I are grateful to serve you!

State Representative
Elizabeth Fiedler

IN THE DISTRICT

Meeting With Students

In June, I met with a 2nd grade class from Coppin Elementary. The students were concerned about protecting our waterways after the latex spill in the Delaware River and they wrote letters to the Governor, which I delivered.



Shredding Event

In June, my office held our annual shredding event at South Philadelphia High School. Over 200 people joined us to shred their personal documents safely and securely!



Supporting Small Businesses



During a small business networking event, hosted by the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, I got to meet Wei, one of the owners of the new café Rebel & Wolf. Small businesses are one of the best things about South Philadelphia and I'm proud to support new and existing ones!



I was happy to meet with Rebecca O'Leary, the new Executive Director of the East Passyunk Business Improvement District. Rebecca has big plans for Passyunk Ave., and I'm looking forward to supporting her work.

Standing With Workers



This summer and into the fall, as labor tensions increased, I stood with UPS workers, SAG-AFTRA members, and UNITE HERE 634's school food service and climate staff. In May, I sponsored a state constitutional amendment that would guarantee workers the right to organize, and it passed the House! Unions built the American middle class and a strong labor movement is key to expanding the middle class and protecting workers' rights in the future!

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

Solar For Schools

In June, my Solar for Schools legislation passed the House with bipartisan support. This legislation would allocate grants for schools to build solar arrays. The program would slash energy costs for schools, resulting in taxpayer dollars being saved. Additionally, it would create good jobs, protect the environment, and foster new learning opportunities for students. Now that Solar for Schools has passed the House, I am working diligently to garner support in the State Senate to make this great idea a reality.



School Buildings

Our young people deserve a high-quality education. This summer, dozens of state and city lawmakers, labor leaders, school officials, and workers joined me for a tour of South Philadelphia High School. While we saw School District crews working to prepare for the upcoming year, we also saw boilers and an electrical system in serious need of an upgrade. Struggles with mold, asbestos and temperature control exist far too often in many schools. I'm working hard to make sure money is invested wisely to fix these problems. For our children, and for our city's future, we need to make sure schools are safe and healthy learning spaces!

Afterschool Programs

Afterschool programs provide opportunities for students to develop skills, build relationships with mentors, and explore their creativity. As the Co-Chair of the Afterschool Caucus, I've toured several out-of-school time programs across Pennsylvania this year. I've seen students explore their creativity through art, grapple with physics through STEM projects, discuss violence in their neighborhoods, and work collaboratively with their peers. These programs are invaluable, and I'm proud to advocate for increased funding for them, including the Sunrise afterschool programs at Kirkbride, Southwark and South Philly High.



STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY



Violence Prevention

I'm working hard to reduce the accessibility of weapons and to invest in people and neighborhoods. This budget season, I advocated for a 25% increase in violence interruption programs. The House also passed two commonsense gun reform measures, requiring background checks on all gun purchases, and allowing judges and police to temporarily disarm people in crisis.



Property Tax / Rent Rebate

Starting in 2024, the income limit to qualify for rebates will be raised to \$45,000 for both homeowners and renters, and the income cap will keep pace with inflation. These changes will help older residents stay in their homes, and I was proud to advocate for and vote for this legislation.

Do you need help with...

- City property taxes?
- Licenses and inspections?
- Streets department issues?
- Sanitation problems?

On Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Councilmember Squilla's staff comes to my office at 9th and Ritner to provide city services. This is a great state-city partnership and we hope we can help you!

Call my office: (215) 271-9190.



UPCOMING EVENT!

Community Breakfast

November 4, 2023

Seafarer's International Union Hall

2604 South 4th St.

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



SOUTH PHILADELPHIA GRANTS UPDATE



Key School

This summer, Key School opened their brand new outdoor recreational space! It was built with a \$125,000 grant I helped secure. The space features playground equipment and a soccer field. Prior to this new outdoor space, the recreational space for students at Key was a concrete lot – I'm so excited about this upgrade!

Edward O'Malley Athletic Association

Update: Back in the spring of 2022, I helped EOM secure a \$212,000 grant to repair the roof and install air conditioning. I'm pleased to report that the new roof is complete, and installation of the new air conditioning system has started.



Dickinson Square Park

New garden beds and chess tables have arrived in Dickinson Square Park. I was happy to help the Friends of Dickinson Square secure a \$25,000 grant for these upgrades and improvements.

Is your community group interested in learning more about state grants?
Call or email us! RepFiedler@PAHouse.net (215) 271-9190.



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I'm here to help!



My team and I can help with:

- Birth and Death Certificates
- Questions About Legislation
- CHIP and SNAP
- SEPTA Senior Fare Cards and Renewals
- Disability Plates and Placards
- Unemployment Compensation
- Driver's License and Real ID Questions
- Utilities Assistance
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- And Much More!

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FALL REMOTE OFFICE HOURS

Bringing State Services to you!

Whitman Council

3rd and Porter St.

Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

South Philly Older Adult Center

Passyunk Ave. and Dickinson St.

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.