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**Important PA Primary
Election reminders**

May 11: Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.

May 18: Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Completed mail-in or absentee ballots are due to the county board of elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

More information at votespa.com.

Dear Neighbor,

I want to start by thanking you for your support, faith and patience. The major progress we've made thus far to combat COVID-19 would not have been possible without you.

Your commitment over the last year to wear a mask, social distance and listen to health experts has helped save lives and slow the spread of the virus significantly.

With every Pennsylvanian 16 and older now eligible to receive the vaccine, we have a chance to move past this health crisis.

From one pandemic to another, we must use this kind of "all hands on deck" approach to put an end to the growing gun violence that continues to plague our neighborhoods. We must unite against racial injustices and the latest efforts to suppress our voting rights to ensure we are never silenced.

Read on to find details about COVID-19 relief, resources, and assistance programs that are available. You'll also find information you need to know for the upcoming primary election and our solutions to address the issues that matter most to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Joanna E. McClain

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Putting people first with the PA Rescue Plan

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden, Pennsylvania is receiving more than \$7 billion in COVID-19 relief.

As House Democratic Leader, I've joined my colleagues in rolling out our Pennsylvania Rescue Plan to make sure this federal funding is invested equitably so every Pennsylvanian, school, community and local business hit hardest by the pandemic benefits.

Here are four key aspects of our proposal:

- More than \$1 billion for hazard pay, paid sick leave, and affordable housing to help working families and communities.
- More than \$1 billion for small businesses, new job opportunities, high-speed internet, and affordable child care.
- Hundreds of millions for community college assistance, workforce training, retirement plans and unemployment help.
- Nearly \$1 billion to make health care more affordable and accessible to everyone and cleaning up our schools.

We're ready to make this plan a reality, rebuild our economy and lay the groundwork for a brighter future. We hope that you'll join us.



Using your smartphone, scan the QR Code to find more details about the PA Rescue Plan

SEPTA Key ID Card extension

As a result of COVID-19, SEPTA is providing a one-year extension for all Senior Key ID Cards that expire in 2021. SEPTA is also providing a second one-year extension for cards that expired in calendar year 2020.

Senior Key Cards with a 2021 expiration date will now be valid through the end of the month printed on the card in 2022. For example, cards with a May 2021 expiration date will continue to be valid for travel through May 2022.

Similarly, Senior Key Cards with a 2020 expiration date will now be valid through the end of the month printed on the card in 2022.

Connecting You with Covid-19 Relief, Assistance and Information

Stay in the know

The PA Department of Health: health.pa.gov

Philadelphia: phila.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov

My website: RepMcClinton.com

Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline: 1-800-722-7112

Department of Community and Economic Development: dced.pa.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration: sba.gov

CDC's guidance on mask wearing

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the science shows that people who are fully vaccinated can join small outdoor gatherings or dine outside with friends from multiple households safely without wearing a mask. The CDC also recommends unvaccinated individuals should continue wearing a mask at such gatherings.

Health experts still advise those who are fully vaccinated to avoid large indoor gatherings and wear a mask at crowded outdoor events.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, but if we throw caution to the wind now, we risk undoing all the progress we've fought so hard to achieve thus far.

New unemployment compensation system coming in June

The Department of Labor and Industry announced that the department's new Unemployment Compensation system will launch June 8 and give Pennsylvanians a quicker and easier time filing UC claims.

Programs that will transition to the new system are:

- Unemployment Compensation (UC).
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).
- Extended Benefits (EB).
- Shared Work or Short-Time Compensation (STC).
- Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA).

Go to uc.pa.gov for details about unemployment assistance.



How to get the vaccine

Right now, everyone 16 or older is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I got mine. If you're interested, here's how you can get yours:

- **Fill out the city's interest form** and a health official will be in touch to schedule an appointment when doses are available.
Online: covid-vaccine-interest.phila.gov
Email: covid@phila.gov
Call: 311 or (215) 685-5488
- **The Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium**
1776 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19121
Online: blackdoctorsconsortium.com
Call: (484) 270-6200
- **Neighborhood Pharmacy**
5701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19139
Call: (215) 307-3609
- **Sayre Health Center**
Tabernacle Lutheran Church
5843 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19139
Call: (215) 474-4444
- **Oak Street Health – Cobbs Creek**
6232 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19139
Call: (844) 871-5651
- **University of Pennsylvania Interest Form**
Call: (800) 789-7366
- **Contact my office** and we can direct you to the local pharmacies and health centers that are currently offering the vaccine.
Email: RepMcClinton@pahouse.net
Call: (215) 748-6712

COVID-19 RELIEF BY THE NUMBERS

**PPE
Delivered:**
100,000+



**Resource
Events:**
16



Food Packages Provided: 1,100+

Why you should vote on May 18

Far too often, nonpresidential primary elections are overlooked and result in low turnout. But I encourage you to make a plan to vote on May 18.

On the ballot, you will see several judicial races. While these typically fly under the radar, I can't stress enough how critical they are in shaping a fair criminal justice system. Courts hold great power and influence, and we have the responsibility to decide who is best to fill these jobs.

You'll also see four questions on the ballot, including two proposed state constitutional amendments that could have big consequences for future public health emergencies.

I voted against the legislation that put these questions on the ballot because I believe they would curtail the governor's power to provide much needed safeguards, relief funding and resources to Pennsylvanians during a crisis. We've seen the crucial role Gov. Tom Wolf has played in helping struggling Pennsylvanians get through the COVID-19 pandemic safely. Imagine if this assistance was taken away.

Another question relates to updating Pennsylvania's Constitution to strengthen discrimination protections.

These are important issues that impact you, your family and your community. You have a say. I encourage you to get out and vote!

PA Ballot Questions Explained

BALLOT QUESTION #1

YES means the party in power can end an emergency declaration at any time, regardless of how severe or dangerous the emergency is.

NO means the governor can act quickly to deliver federal dollars and state aid. A two-thirds majority of the legislature is needed to end a declaration.

BALLOT QUESTION #2

YES means a disaster emergency automatically ends after 21 days, even if the legislature is unable to meet and extend it.

NO means a disaster response will continue for as long as needed.

BALLOT QUESTION #3

YES means that our state constitution would be updated to include equal rights protections based on race or ethnicity.

NO means that our state constitution would continue to lack protections for discrimination based on race or ethnicity.

Prison gerrymandering robs us of representation and resources

I'm fighting to end this unfair practice

Prison gerrymandering is hurting our democracy – especially in our Black and brown neighborhoods.

Currently, the U.S. Census counts incarcerated individuals as residents of whatever correctional facility they are being housed at instead of the place they call home.

This unjust and short-sighted policy robs communities of fair elections and representation in Washington, because these things are based heavily on an accurate Census count every 10 years.

My legislation aims to make this process more equitable by counting incarcerated individuals at their last known residence before incarceration for the purpose of drawing legislative district lines.

This commonsense reform measure is part of a larger package of bills I introduced with my colleagues to defend our democracy and ensure every election in Pennsylvania is fair, safe and secure.

Stopping gun violence starts with our young people

Gun violence is out of control in Philly. At this point, 2021 is on pace to surpass the 499 deadly shootings recorded in the city last year.

Too many lives are being cut short, with innocent kids getting caught in the crossfire. We can't accept this as the norm.

Ending this culture of killing starts with putting our young people on the right track from the beginning. I've reintroduced legislation

that would require public schools to educate students on solving problems peacefully through conflict resolution, as well as teach them to respect different cultures, races and beliefs and effectively manage emotions.

Protecting our neighborhoods takes a multi-pronged approach that makes sure law enforcement, elected officials, community leaders and neighbors all have a seat at the table.



Peace not guns! That was our message during this community rally at Myers Rec Center in Southwest Philly, where I joined Councilman Kenyatta Johnson in calling for real investments in the safety of our children.

Serving the Community

1. Since the beginning of the pandemic, I've had the privilege of partnering with Latino Connection, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Independence Blue Cross Foundation on multiple occasions to provide free COVID-19 testing and information to our neighbors.

2. I had the pleasure of teaming up with state Sen. Sharif Street, Philabundance and ShopRite in April to drive away hunger during Ramadan. We gave away free meals at Masjid Mujahideen to our Cobbs Creek community.

3. I was truly proud to stand with the AAPI Montgomery County to cry out against the skyrocketing hate crimes against our brothers and sisters in the Asian American Pacific Islander community.

4. I'm so blessed to work with nonprofits that share my commitment to helping our communities. In March, I partnered with Walmart to present \$2,000 grant checks outside of my office to The Common Place, Greater Hope Ministries, ACANA, and The Black Brain Campaign to help in their ongoing efforts to put the needs of our most vulnerable first.

5. In January, Hope Foy, my deputy district director, joined other leaders in Delco to celebrate the opening of the Delaware County Wellness Center in Yeadon. The center is the home of the Delaware County Health Department and remains a COVID-19 vaccine site.

6. In February, I proudly helped cut the ribbon on In the Moment Financial Services. This local business was established by two talented Black women who worked so hard to get this office up and running to help families build generational wealth.

7. During a discussion in Philly about ending gun violence, I pointed out to Gov. Tom Wolf, Attorney General Josh Shapiro, and several other elected officials that we need to use the same coordinated effort that we've used to address COVID-19 to stop these senseless killings.

8. With my amazing mother by my side, I joined my colleagues in January to take the oath of office to officially begin my next term as your state representative and the new House Democratic Leader.



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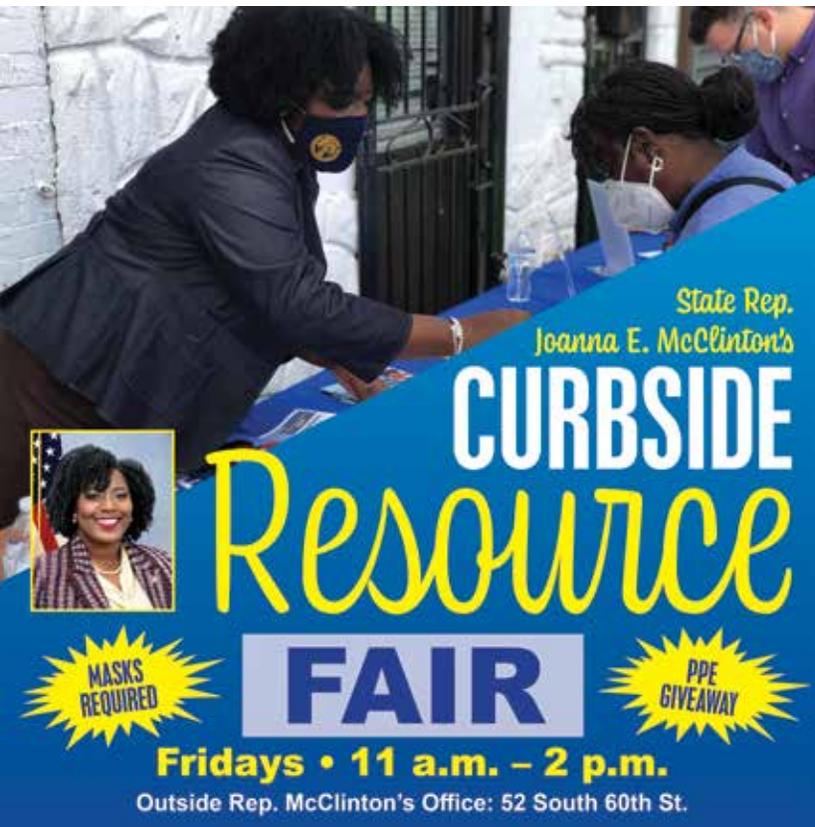
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CURBSIDE Resource FAIR

MASKS REQUIRED **PPE GIVEAWAY**

Fridays • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Outside Rep. McClinton's Office: 52 South 60th St.

Apply now for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program



Pennsylvania is accepting applications for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2020.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open to individuals age 65 or older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 or older.

The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. Spouses, personal representatives, or estates may also file rebate claims on behalf of claimants who lived at least one day in 2020 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

My staff can find out if you're eligible and help you apply.



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